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# Kensington council finds its footing

By Kandy Arnold

KENSINGTON — In a well-attended second meeting of the year on Feb. 27, members of the Kensington Municipal Advisory Council discussed their varied philosophies on how their charter should be interpreted and voted on recommendations on three separate applications for code variance. The newly-formed advisory body is still defining its role.

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Chairman Robert Hansen opened the issue of how strictly the council should interpret county codes when weighing requests for code variance against the objections of others in the community.

Concerns of KMAC members centered around the question of how individual variances could be recommended without granting special favors.

In his opening statement Hansen asked that his council members present their views on whether the council should maintain a "strict adherence" to the code or allow for "some leeway" in basing its recommendations to the County Planning Commission.

Larry Wood, vice chairman of the KMAC, said that there is a "need for a middle ground," adding that neighbors should work things out between themselves.

"I don't see our (KMAC) role.

See KMAC on page 6

#### IDENING DEBATE HITS EL



# E.C. council undecided over freeway widening proposal

By April Lynch

EL CERRITO — After discovering that Caltrans' proposal to widen I-80 has struck a nerve in the community, city officials have given themselves two months to hear public opinion before deciding to approve or oppose the project.

The City Council moved Monday to delay a vote on the issue until May when Caltrans and regional transit authorities will present a revised version of their 10-year-old proposal to build an additional carpool lane on both east- and west-bound directions of I-80.

Councilmember Cathie Kosel had originally asked the council to oppose the Caltrans project, and many of the more than 40 people who attended Monday's meeting clearly supported Kosel's

position. But stiff opposition from some fellow council members, along with protests that the public has not been adequately informed on the issue, forced Kosel to move for the delay.

"I would ... like your confirmed opposition, quite frankly," Kosel told the council at the start of the meeting. Her presentation, which described the Caltrans plan as misguided and that "adding more roadways is a short-term solution at best to the Bay Area's growing transit problems, drew loud applause from the audience.

But what Kosel got from some fellow council members was not confirmed opposition to the Caltrans proposal only Councilmember Jean Siri supported Kosel. Norma Jellison described Kosel's view as "oversimplifying" the problem, See 1-80 on page 6

# a reprieve Owner cleaned out dog waste

Condemned

house gets

By Janet Byron

ALBANY — The owners of a home condemned in January have eliminated serious health hazards to the satisfaction of Alameda County health officials, but they still must correct 30 Albany building code violations.

Alameda County vector control officer Joseph Lambert said the county has closed its case, one month after warning Albany officials that conditions in the house "present a serious health hazard to the occupants ... and a danger to the entire neighborhood."

Three adults, a 2-year-old girl, and 18 dogs were found living in extremely unsanitary conditions at 1111 Cornell Ave., when police responded to the death of one of See HOUSE on page 6

See HOUSE on page 6

# 'Hysteria' caused kidnap reports, police chief says

By Teri DeLoache

ALBANY — Most of the re-cent reports of attempted child abductions here have prove d to be false, Police Chief Larry Mur-do told a joint meeting of the City Council and School Board Mon-

do told a joint meeting of the City Council and School Board Monday night.

"It is extremely doubtful that all the cases actually happened," Murdo said. In fact, only the original incident of an Asian woman and white male attempting to abduct two University Village children in November has been substantiated, he said.

Murdo said that although the "hysteria" caused by news reports of six alleged attempts is "unwarranted," the city should use the public's heightened awareness as an opportunity to educate adults and children alike in methods of prevention.

The most recent reported attempted abduction of an II-year old Cornell Elementary School school appears to be fabricated, Murdo said. The girl told police a man in his 20's tried to coerce her into his car by telling her that her mother had been hurt.

Murdo said some of the reports may prove legitimate but there are "unexplainable inconsistencies" in the accounts of all except the original incident.

# Vandals go on a rampage in E.C.; 39 victims in Feb.

By Janet Byron

The Journal

EL CERRITO — When Donald Diano returned to his 1978 Ford pickup the morning after parking it in front of his home on Elm Street, he found the truck's windows shattered. He was not alone: at least 39 car and home windows were smashed during nighttime vandalism last month.

Police believe vandals used a BB gun or pellet gun to damage windows in 32 cars and seven residences Feb. 23 and 24. Several similar incidents occurred in Richmond Annex and four were reported in northern Albany.

El Cerrito crime analyst William Guggemos said the city's See VANDALS on page 6

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# MOUNTAIN BIKES' FOR THE DISABLE



Castellano pops a wheelie on his all-terrain wheelch

### E.C. inventor introduces the Cobra

By Reed Malcolm

The Journal

ince he was a kid,
John Castellano
has always had a
knack for inventing
things, especially go-carts. In
fact, he was the first kid on his
New Jersey block to out-do the
average milk crate contraption
by constructing a slick vehicle
with a metal frame and an intricate steering system.

Castellano's inventiveness
would later lead him from MIT
to a well-paying position as an
aerospace engineer at Hughes
Aircraft. But in 1985 he would
gather up his savings, quit his
secure job, move to El Cerrito,
and begin work on what would
become his dream project
the Cobra off-road wheelchair.
The Cobra looks more like a
buggy than your average

wheelchair. With thick tires and a low-riding seat, it is uniquely designed for the rugged terrain of the great outdoors.

What's more, the Cobra allows users to explore recreational surroundings once unimaginable with the standard wheelchair.

But forget your average wheelchair user. The Cobra is great for any outdoorsy-type who thrives on the excitement of mountain biking or the thrill of downhill go-carting.

Going uphill gives your arms and shoulders a great workout before you speed down trails. The chair moves surprisingly well with great proficiency.

"People don't tend to view wheelchairs as recreational vehicles," Castellano said.

"But there are many physically handicapped out there who,

See CHAIR on page 10

THE ALBANY THEATER, the shining example of 1930s architecture on lower Solano, is reportedly on the block.

You don't have to be an old geezer to remember the good old days when, during the benign ownership of the late Bill Garren, the movie house teemed with children watching a Bugs Bunny marathon Saturday afternoon or the thrill of suspense, live, when we chose winners in Miss Albany pageants. Double features and 50 cent tickets were the rule.

The Pacific chain, which owns 15 or so theaters around the Bay Area, is willing to sell the Albany Theater to anyone who agrees in advance not to use it as a theater. They also own the Oaks on upper Solano and maybe, have the competition in mind, but what will that do to the neighborhood where commerce is already iffy?

"It will be a disaster for the city," said Albany Planning Commission Chairman 'Ann Berry.

"The theater and moviegoers bring a vitality to Solano, not to mention business to the merchants. That will be lost. I think the city should investigate ways to keep it in use as a theater — right away, before it's too late."

Save the Albany Theater? It worked in Orinda.

WHEN IN DANGER, when in doubt, run in

right away, before it's too late."

Save the Albany Theater? It worked in Orinda.

WHEN IN DANGER, when in doubt, run in circles, scream and shout." I always thought that was meant to be ironic. The future of Albany's waterfront — an issue on the city's plate since I ran for City Council in 1966 — has brought out a bunch of loud demagogic rehtoric and subsequent dizziness from people who subscribe literally to the old saw.

The argument over the waterfront has degenerated into a spitting match between two opposing factions who have set their toes on an imaginary line and defy anyone to cross it. You're either for them or against them.

Both sides scream, "Outsiders!" They see invisible strings tied to Berkeley, Chicago and who knows what other toddlin' towns manipulating the City Council, city committees and all of us Albany citizens and voters. If you have a constructive or reasonable opinion about the waterfront, be prepared to show your Albany passport before expressing it or you'll be guffawed right out of City Hall.

Tony Caine said at the council meeting last week that waterfront issues will divide the city. Sorry, Tony, it's already too hot and heavy; it's already split. By the time the first act of "The Bert and Norman Show" ends June 5, everybody will be steamed and nothing accomplished. Here's my passport.

LEAF BLOWER MAYEN DAVE GIVEN IS learning the political ropes — or just hanging on them. After he left his spot in front of the post office with 600 signatures on a petition favoring a noise ordinance banning gas-powered leaf blowers, he seems to have stalled out at city hall. The council will take it up soon or sometime or other, they say.

There's more to loathe in leaf blowers than the

There's more to loathe in leaf blowers than the racket. Dave said dust, pollen and powdered

EL CERRITO — The following is a partial account of crimes and incidents on the El Cerrito police blotter this week.

on the El Cerrito police blotter this week.

• A Richmond woman, 42, and a girl were arrested in a stolen 1982 Chevrolet Caprice at 10:30 p.m. Feb. 24 at Potrero and San Pablo avenues. The owner, a Richmond man, was not yet aware of the theft. The 15-year-old girl was driving.

• On Feb. 22 a man helped a disabled 82-year-old woman and her husband, 80, unload groceries into their car in the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot. She later discovered her purse with \$700 was missing.

was missing.

• At 1:35 a.m. Feb. 23 an 80-year-old Berkeley woman's purse was snatched from the front seat of her car near Wanda's Bar at 9937 San Pablo Ave. The suspect was a man driving a yellow Ford Pinto.

• A 24-year-old Berkeley woman's wallet was stolen from her purse while she waited in line at the Department of Motor Vehicles Feb. 26.

• On Feb. 25 police arrested a

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doggie doo, whipped into suspension for hours by hurricane-force wind from the blowers, bring out allergies people didn't even know they had. "Disposal's the problem," Dave said. "If they don't blow the stuff into someone else's yard, they have to dispose of it themselves and most of the professional gardeners aren't equipped to do that."

IRATE READERS sent in personal favorite examples of bad language going around after I went on recently about the disintegration of English. Here are a couple of good ones.

J.K. on Garfield wrote, "Between you and I, don't you think sometime you could have a column on grammar?" Right, J.K., what is this "me"-phobia gripping the country? The Me Generation seems to be stuck on "I."

I don't write whole columns on English grammar because I imagine that a reader seeing, "Prepositions, such as 'between,' 'to,' 'with' and others, take the objective case. 'I,' 'we' and 'they' are nominative,'' would naturally yawn and turn to Clara-Rae. I would. Someone else will have to take the ruler to his knuckles.

A quick mental test when you want to look smart: Substitute the plural word. Even Tom Brokaw cannot say, "between we" or "to they." "Everyone must live their own life," peeves the heck out of B.B. on Tulare, as bad grammar, not as a truism. "People must live their own life," "everyone must live his own life," would make that sentence agreeable, but leads into the brambly thicket of social history and politics. "His" is correct referring to "everyone" but more than half of us are not a he.

I'm a radical feminist and fight for my people's right to choice in their lives and support bra burning and mud wrestling, although I would not so burn or wrestle myself. My protest against sexism in the language, however, is, as my friend says, the equivalent of boiling my draft card. "Workperson," "waitperson," "chairperson," "councilperson" and the omnipresent "his or her" ("Her or his") do remind us of whose world it was, but they clog up the free flow or words and meaning and cramp our style. "Workers' compensation" and "mail carrier" are examples of designations that can take us into a sexism-free age, but until then I'm sticking with "Everyone should do his own thing."

Others around town told me "disinterested" doesn't mean you couldn't care less, "lay" does not mean to recline, infinitives are not for splitting and "very" is

# Commentary Commentary

# Albany City Council: trust us or replace

By Henry Kruse

We all learned in civics class that our federal government, and those of the states which make up the nation, and our county and local governments too, are "democratic republics." We elect our legislatures on every level and let them make our laws. If they don't do it well, we replace them. That is an oversimplification of the system that has worked reasonably well for more than 200 years. Early in this century, before World War I, state legislatures passed laws enabling members of the public to short circuit the regular democratic process in case of legislative tyranny, laziness, incompetence or venality.

That is the origin of the array of propositions which clutter our ballots on election day. These laws are necessary and their intent is good, but the tools they forge for the people should be used only rarely, in cases of great necessity. A "short circuit" is sometimes helpful but always dangerous.

In an older society a town meeting or ballot proposition might democratically decide an important question effectively.

Today governments are too complex and too intertwined for such tools to be used frequently and safely. Is your insurance coverage better or cheaper as a result of the many ballot propositions on that subject in 1988? Making good laws is more difficult than a simple yes or no vote.

The future of Albany's public and private waterfront is important to the city. Most of our citizens care about it and have opinions to express on the subject. The best interests of the city require that althese be heard and considered.

That is the democratic process and federal, state, county and Albany's own city require almost in-

finite opportunities for that process. All setting meetings not only of the City Councilson of Councilson

# Letters |

#### Leaf blowers not the only noisemakers

Some Albany residents recently have written letters to the editor attacking gas-powered leaf blowers and also made reference to non-resident gardeners who work here and could just as easily use rakes or brooms.

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I would like to take issue with their statements.

Our gardener has lived in Albany with his family for more than 20 years. Like all of us he pays property and business taxes, has educated his children in Albany schools and patronizes Albany businesses. It's a good thing that one of our neighbors can make a living within the community.

an make a Iwing within the community. He uses a broom and a rake as well as the gas-powered blowers and our neighbors compliment us on how neat and nice the yard looks when he is through.

Other letter writers have said that the blowers should be banned because of the noise and that it wouldn't be more difficult or tedious for gardeners to do their work with rakes and brooms only.

For those of us who are weekend gardeners it is very easy to say that the work wouldn't be harder. However, if we had to be outdoors eight hours a day, lifting, bending, stretching and carrying, we, too, would appreciate any modern equipment that would make our job less stressful.

The gardeners who have commercial accounts in the city—say, bank parking lots—might not be able to pick up as much dust with broom and pan as the blowers.

The letter writers also raised the question of noise from the blowers. Doesn't Albany have a noise law which precludes using blowers during certain daytime hours? Reputable gardeners who don't should be cited.

We live in an urban area.

Many noises occur during hours that are inconvenient to many people, but they are inconvenient to many people, but they are inconveniences that we all have to live with in a county with more than 1.1 million people.

We all have neighbors who work with power tools late at night, use gas-powered lawn mowers early in the morning and work on cars and race the engines late at night.

People drive down the street in the early morning hours, stereos blasting. Young people walk down the street late at night, boom boxes roaring. The trash collectors often come around 6 a.m. and we can hear the crashing sounds of bottles and cans being thrown into the recycling truck later in the day.

We can't be calling the police

or Planning Department every time we hear these noises. Why single out any one annoyance, leaf-blowers, when there are many other noises that should receive equal attention?

Karen M. Holzmeister Albany

#### Minimize daytime noise; ban blowers

I have recently become aware of the concerns of Albanians Against Sound Pollution (AASP), specifically regarding the use of gasoline-powered leaf

blowers.
Since electric leaf-blowers (and the old-fashioned rake) accomplish the same purpose with far less noise and other pollution, I support banning the gas-powered machine in Albany. It is especially important to understand that minimizing daytime noise is vital to those who work evenings and nights and need to sleep during daytime hours.

hours.

I hope that Albany will follow the lead of other cities such as Carmel, Beverly Hills and Belvedere in banning these unnecessary noisy machines and urge readers to write Albany City Council in favor of this han

Phoebe Howard Albany

#### Out-of-town initiative not welcome here

Editor:

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The City of Albany has worked hard to make sure Albany residents have had an opportunity to comment on future plans for the Albany waterfront. There have been many public hearings on two environmental impact reports and there will be additional hearings before the EIR is certified. After certification the city plans to conduct workshops and additional public hearings so that all Albany residents can participate.

and additional public hearings so that all Albany residents can participate.

And yet over the past few months a new group has formed and is trying to take over waterfront planning. Supposedly this is an Albany group. In fact John Shively has repeatedly made statements that this group, Citizens for an Albany Shoreline, has not received any out-of-town help with their "citizens initiative" which will now appear on our June ballot. It was with much amazement that I read his recent letter to The Journal where he thanked the attorneys who had written the initiative. I didn't recognize a single Albany resident among these attorneys.

It seems that with the Sierra Club doing a mailing for them, the Citizens for Eastshore Parks

that is sponsored towners, not Alb Most of us wor on a final project waterfront. But w to be bogged dow and have to face at every election.

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#### 'Hands off' Alban waterfront

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would be publicated of time.

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Richmond man, 27, on the I-80 off-ramp at Carson Boulevard during a routine traffic stop and charged him with possession of a

Police Report Compiled by Janet Byron

Girl, 15, caught driving stolen car in E.C.

● On Feb. 27 vandals threw a rock through a second story window on the 7100 block of Cutting Boulevard. It damaged a closed mahogany door 20 feet away. A kitchen window on the 2000 block of Mira Vista Drive was broken with a rock Feb. 26. Another rock went through the \$600 window of a home on the 2600 block of Mira Vista Drive in the early morning March 1. • On Feb. 27 vandals threw a

● On March 1 an Albany woman, 33, was arrested and charged with altering a prescrip-tion in order to get a refill at Longs Drug Store in El Cerrito Plaza.

Plaza.

Police caught a 23-year-old Richmond man prowling in a backyard on San Carlos Avenue at 9:45 p.m. Feb. 27.

At 2 a.m. Feb. 25 a Richmond woman, 43, was arrested and charged with battery after she punched another Richmond woman, 20, with a closed fist

after an argument in the parking lot of Lucky, 10700 San Pablo

Theft, Burglary and

Vandalism

■ A 1985 Chevrolet Camero was stolen from the 1000 block of Navellier Street Feb. 24. The thick abandoned the car several blocks away due to transmission

• On Feb. 23 a 1979 Oldsmobile Delta 88 was stolen on the 11400 block of San Pablo Avenue.

block of San Pablo Avenue.

On Feb. 27: A 1982
Oldsmobile parked behind
Golden Gate Lanes had its window smashed between 7:30 a.m.
and 1 p.m. A radio worth \$1,200
and \$330 in other property were
stolen from a 1980 Mazda on the
1300 block of Peerless Avenue.
The window of a 1979 Toyota
Scorpion was smashed between
6:50 a.m. and 6:40 p.m. in the
BART lot at San Pablo Avenue
and Cutting Boulevard.

The door lock of a 1982

The door lock of a 1982
 Chevrolet Cavalier was dislodged in an attempted theft on the 5300 block of Cypress Avenue the night of Feb. 28.

#### Petty Theft

Petty Theft

• A thief ran out the front door of Radio Shack at 11299 San Pablo Ave. with two radios worth \$75 on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.

• On Feb. 27: Around 2:20 p.m. employees of Food Bowl at 11757 San Pablo Ave. caught a Richmond man, 24, attempting to steal \$10.68 in merchandise. At 4 p.m. a thief grabbed \$80 in merchandise and ran out the front door of Emporium Capwell into a waiting Volvo sedan.

• At 7 p.m. a Richmond man,

waiting Volvo sedan.

• At 7 p.m. a Richmond man, 20, was caught attempting to steal a \$6 item from Pay-n-Pak on East Shore Boulevard. At 8 p.m. a Berkeley man, 48, tried to remove \$5.88 in merchandise from Safeway without paying.

• On March 1: A 22-year-old Albany man attempted to steal two steaks worth \$6.98 from Lucky's in El Cerrito Plaza at 11 p.m. A juvenile boy was caught shoplifting \$58 in merchandise

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# santa Fe Pacific's warning to residents

The Journal obtained the following letter Santa Pacific Realty Corp. sent to selected Albany sidents a week before Assemblyman Tom Bates' b. 15 "town meeting" to discuss the waterfront.

The Citizens for an Eastshore State Park (CESP) s circulated a so-called "Citizens Initiative" tition which has now qualified for the Albany

the people gathering signatures have misle thany voters by stating that the city's Waterfro mmittee had endorsed the initiative — THI ATERFRONT COMMITTEE DID NOT EN 1885 IT!!!

John Shively, the Albany representative and front for Berkeley-based CESP, has said on numerous occasions that his group (circulators of the initiative) has received no help from anyone of the Journal (Feb. 1) thanking those attorneys who drafted the initiative — out-of-towners all of the initiative — out-of-towners all of the limitative on the ballot.

any. It is similar to the newspaper Cheasty te when he was mayor. The main thrust of the er appears to be to convince residents that den Gate Fields has a right to stay in business

after the lease expires. This is not true.

\*Lastly, Assemblyman Tom Bates has called his own meeting, which he bills as "a town meeting" for February 15, 7:30 p.m. at Albany High's Little Theatre. One topic for discussion is Albany's waterfront development. The Sierra Club announced the Bates' meeting in their February newsletter, The Yodeler... Obviously, the meeting was planned many weeks ago by CESP, the Sierra Club and Tom Bates. Albany residents were the last to know.

Tom Bates has had a long and close relationship with Berkeley-based CESP and the Sierra Club. He and CESP were successful in creating "open space zoning" for Berkeley's waterfront. The property now just sits there — NO PARK, NO REVENUE. He now wants to create the same failure for Albany.

As you can see by these recent events, the water-front planning process is being taken away from the City of Albany. The citizens initiative will create endless delays and lawsuits. Throwing Ladbroke into the mix adds further confusion. Assemblyman Bates intends to use his meeting to create ways to delay the waterfront planning process even further. The name of the opposition's game is delay, delay, delay, then hopefully Santa Fe, along with the rest of Albany residents will be wear down, go away (and) the track will be gone and there will be NO PARK AND NO REVENUE FOR ALBANY.

It is absolutely critical that supporters of a waterfront plan that will include a balance of open space and revenue-producing development come out and make their feelings known to Mr. Bates. CESP is smart, well organized, and will try to dominate the meeting. You need to tell Mr. Bates that Albany does not need outside groups to do its waterfront planning. Circle your calendar and bring your friends and neighbors.

Sincerely, Bert C. Bangsberg Director of Development

# Letters |

#### Citizen issues pointby-point response

In The Journal's Feb. 22
article, "Town Meeting Turns
Into Verbal Brawl," your writer
made reference to a letter sent to
selected Albany residents before
the meeting by Santa Fe Director
of Development Bert Bangsberg.
I would like to respond to each
of the assertions made in the
letter.

The Citizens Waterfront Approval Initiative was circulated by Citizens for the Albany Shoreline (CAS), not CESP, CAS is an association composed primarily of Albany residents, with some members who also participate in CESP. CAS is either a subsidiary of or "front" for CESP, nor are they "dupes" thereof.

By law, both signers and circulators of the petition had to be currently registered to vote in the City of Albany, and each petition sheet bears a declaration of the circulator that such was the case. This is not a "so-called," but rather, an actual, citizens initiative.

As of the date of Santa Fe's letter, the initiative had not yet qualified for the Albany June ballot. Subsequently, with the signatures of nearly one-third of Albany voters, it qualified by what the Alameda County Registrar's Office characterized as an "extraordinary" 199 percent margin.

• While there is no way of knowing what all of the participants in the signature

gathering process said in more than 3,000 conversations with Albany oters, CAS can certainly certify that its printed information contained no such assertion (that the city's Waterfront Committee had endorsed the initiative).

The Waterfront Committee did not endorse the initiative itself, but it did endorse the concept of a vote at the end of the Waterfront planning process, as provided by the initiative, as opposed to the City Council's proposal for a vote at the beginning of it. Much as Santa Fe (and others) would like to believe that Albany voters were "misled" in signing the petitions, such is not the case, as will be demonstrated at the polls in June.

The City Council formed its subcommittee over a year ago to consider placing a waterfront development approval measure on the ballot. Coincidentally, the council's subcommittee did not submit anything for council consideration until after CAS filed its "Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition" with the city.

● John Shively, and other members of CAS, have repeatedly denied similar allegations that the initiative movement was being controlled and financed by "outside organizations" such as CESP and the Sierra Club.

That is not to say that it "received no help from anyone outside Albany." CAS solicited and received the assistance of attorneys experienced in drafting similar initiatives to prepare its own draft and they volunteered their efforts to do it. It should

expertise would come from "out of town."

The only similarity between Cheasty's now-defunct Albany News and Ladbroke's Post Times is that they are printed on newsprint. Freedom of the press allows Golden Gate Fields to develop good public relations with the citizens of Albany in whatever manner it considers appropriate.

The main thrust of the paper appears to be to convince residents that Golden Gate Fields would like to stay in business in Albany after the lease expires. Implicit here is that if the city does not amend its zoning to permit alternative development as requested by Santa Fe, the race track may, in fact, remain. Santa Fe, of course, would rather "favor" the city with its own ideas as to the best use of the waterfront. Is Santa Fe unhappy with its current tenant? Is it now asking Albany to help it get rid of Ladbroke by amending the zoning for the waterfront to permit alternative development? What is the hidden agenda of this giant Chicago-based realty company?

Approximately 500 Albany

• Approximately 500 Albany residents receive *The Yodeler* and Assemblyman Bates wanted to talk to them, and anyone else who might be interested, about the waterfront. The City Council certainly knew about the "town meeting" well in advance of the event itself, but chose, apparently, not to publicize it, not even in the "Announcement of Events" section of its weekly agenda.

or Events" section of its weekly agenda.

• The only "failure" in Berkeley was Santa Fe's failure to convince voters that its plan for the Berkeley waterfront was preferable to having nothing at all. Albany will have its waterfront park, on the city-owned portion of the waterfront, no matter what happens on Santa Fe's lands. And as to revenue, the city has 12 years to develop alternative sources of income such that the waterfront and race track cannot be held hostage by Santa Fe in a bid to extort concessions regarding waterfront Approval Initiative, by requiring the final approval of the voters of Albany for any waterfront development plan which would change the permitted use of the waterfront, assures that Albany alone will do its waterfront planning, not CESP, the Sierra Club, Tom Bates or Santa Fe. All interested organizations and parties, including Santa Fe, will have full opportunity to participate in the process. I urge all concerned citizens to join CAS in supporting the initiative.

Evan R. Flavell Citizens for the Albany Shoreline

### Meet the judges in Berkeley tonight

Berkeley-Albany muncipal court judges will step down from the bench and into the public arena for an open discussion on local courts and the judiciary March 8 — one of 60 such "Meet Your Judges" forums being held across the state that week.

Berkeley-Albany is among the districts in 36 counties that have joined in the first statewide series of forums, modeled after last year's successful pilot programs in Sacramento, San Francisco and Long Beach.

The Honorable Henry Ramsey of the Alameda County Superior Court will moderate the event to be held at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. at Martin Luther King, Jr., Way from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

According to Judge Jennie Rhine, the session is being held to help "demystify" the role of judges and the judicial process. "It is a chance for the public to get to know the problems we face and for us to get to know the problems they face in dealing with the legal system," she said.

During the free program superior and municipal court judges will discuss current issues and court procedures including tenant landlord disputes, use of drug-related crimes on the courts, domestic violence, divorce and child custody issues, jury duty and bail.

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# U.C. engineer raises new fears about MacArthur interchange

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OAKLAND — The lack of sufficient reinforcing steel that researchers believe contributed to the collapse of Oakland's Cypress viaduct could well be a problem for other elevated freeways.

That's the view of Jack Moehle, a University of California structural engineering professor who participated in an examination of the Cypress structure in an effort to determine why the Oct. 17 quake caused most of it to collapse.

Whether there's insufficient steel in vertical supports of the towering MacArthur Freeway interchange, just a mile away, is a question which invites further research.

The MacArthur interchange is

research.

The MacArthur interchange is a multi-level stack of roadways that joins State Highway 24 and Interstate Highways 580 and 980 a few miles east of the Bay

Bridge.

It's one of the state's major freeway connectors used every day by many thousands of Bay Area commuters from Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco counties. It is also a pathway for San Francisco-bound traffic moving north from the Nimitz Freeway and west from Interstate Highway 5 in the San Joaquin Valley.

Valley.

Although the California Department of Transportation considers the stack safe enough to keep using, U.C. Berkeley's Moehle believes that in earth-

quake country the structure could well present a risk.

In two recent interviews, Mochle said plans for a section of the southbound I-980 to I-880 connector reveal that a critical joint in a common type of freeway support used in the connector was designed with about one-fifth as much reinforcement steel as the column beneath it.

"I don't know what's in the stack," he said. "That's something that somebody would have to look at first. It seems pretty likely that they're designed similarly, assuming that somebody didn't make an error designing it. And I assume that nobody made an error in design."

The plans he reviewed were obtained from Caltrans by Bay City News Service under the California Public Records Act. In a phrase, Moehle thinks that the supports are weak in the knees.

Moehle said the amount of steel in the corner joint regions of some supports in soutbbound I-980 is less than one-tenth the amount specified in a design recommendation published by the American Concrete Institute in the same year that the interchange was completed.

"Similar corner joints appear in multi-column support arches—"bents," as engineers call them—used in other freeways all over California. Such bents carry the weight of an elevated roadway on a concrete crossbeam that straddles two or more columns that support each end.

What makes the "knee joint"

or "outrigger" bent different from other multi-column supports is that the crossbeam projects out to one or both sides of the road it supports so that the vertical column holding it up can be placed to the side of an obstacle on the ground below.

Engineers use such knee joints to support elevated freeways over other roadways that run underneath through the natural locations for support structures. The 60-foot-tall MacArthur Freeway stack employs at least a dozen knee-joint bents, but the bent design appears frequently in elevated highway construction around the state.

Moehle said that the consequences of any failure of the knee joints would obviously be different from that in the Cypress structure, where upper deck columns rested on the corner joint region of the bents below them, and thus depended heavily on their structural integrity.

But he also pointed out that the joints in the knee-joint design connect the columns beneath them with concrete beams that run crossways underneath at run crossways underneath the roadway. The failure of the joint region could cause the support itself to come apart and fail, with the roadway and anything on it tumbling down to earth along with it.

Severe cracking in the joint region of one such joint in the southbound connector linking 1-980 and 1-880 led Caltrans to close it for a brief time shortly after the Oct. 17 earthquake. The action severed the only remaining freeway link in Oakland between 1-980 and 1-880.

While media attention remained riveted to the spectacles of the collapse of the Cypress viaduct

Not enough steel reinforcing was responsible for the Cypress structure's collapse during the Octob

and a section of the Bay Bridge, Caltrans engineers quietly began a \$157,000 shoring and retrofitting operation on the joint.

When Moehle observed Caltrans workers as they repaired the structure, which straddles Sixth Street between Martin Luther King Jr. Way and Castro Street in Oakland, he noted that there seemed to be very little reinforcement steel installed.

He said he thought it would be surprising if the joint, part of a structure that was completed in 1985, had been designed with as little steel as he had seen in it.

"Yeah, I'm surprised," Moehle said after examining the plans and calculating the structure's steel-to-concrete ratio. "I wouldn't design it like that."

At one point during the Caltrans repair job, every grain of

concrete had been knocked out of the joint, while massive new reinforcement steel was installed. A half dozen huge steel I-beams shored up the freeway from underneath as workmen swarmed over the support.

The shoring and scaffolding remain in place today. Heavy traffic continues to travel over the section, which has served as a detour for I-880 traffic ever since the Cypress's tragic collapse.

According to Moehle, one problem faced by engineers concerned with the seismic reinforcement of knee-joint bents is that there is

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# Albany school district names mentor teachers

The Albany Unified School District has made seven new mentor teacher awards for the 1989-90 school year.

The mentor teacher program in Albany is known as the Teacher Incentive Program and carries a stipend of \$4,000 for each awardee as well as a budget for materials to implement educational projects. Project awards may also be split between teachers who plan to do their research and teacher training together.

The recipients this year are Sandi Adams, Helen Grossman, Harriett Morrison, Norine Nichimura, Sara Danielson, Elizabeth Dubravac, Shirley McGinnis, Victoria Sears, John Thomsen, Carmen Burks and Lisa Warren.

Elizabeth Dubravac, Shirley McGinnis, Victoria Sears, John Thomsen; Carmen Burks and Lisa Warren.

Mentor award money is distributed to the school districts from the state. The mentor program has proven to be an effective way to honor teachers for their contributions to the district, to encourage the development of special teaching ideas and to support research by teachers.

It also makes it possible for teachers to meet with others in their profession to exchange ideas, frees them to visit other classrooms and allows them the time and materials to collaborate on lessons and to brainstorm solutions to teaching problems.

The Mentor Program statewide has been cited by State Superintendent Bill Honig for its effectiveness and productive use of funds. Mentor teachers typically put in many hours of work beyond what is required of them because the projects are challenging and tend to grow in scope as the development work begins.

Another reason for the extra time invested is that the mentors recognize that the curriculum being developed will be used by many other teachers. They want the work to be relevant and immediately useful to their colleagues.

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For example, in Albany there is currently a focus on teaching "math for understanding," a process that involves much more than just working through the traditional text.

Lessons that use manipulative objects like pattern blocks and unifix cubes are being developed to teach concepts in the state-identified math strands: logic, pattern and function, number, statistics, geometry and algebra.

The state does not send the district completed curriculum packets for each grade level with enrichment and remediation materials to support them, so a number of mentor projects have dealt with helping teachers make a smooth transition to this different style of teaching by developing and cataloguing math activities that use these concepts and actually teaching teachers how to use them.

Other mentor projects have

dealt with the shift away from the standard basal text books and into acquiring and using more challenging class sets of high quality children's literature which the state has recently made an option when a district decides how to spend state reading funds.

Computer literacy, another area where teachers have been asking for training and support, has been the focus of at least one project for each of the past six years.

years.

This year for the first time Albany has two teachers whose sole function as mentors will be to help the first-year teachers in the district. This role was traditionally filled by a teacher at school, perhaps in the room next door, over lunch and on the telephone late into the night, but now Lisa Warren and Carmen Burks will be available to set up speical inservices for new teachers.



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# School Notebook

# Kids learn some common-cents about spending

Just two months after kick-goff her creative fund-raiser, thel Carpenter's desk is owded with juice bottles full

inferior carpenties a substitute of the copper coins sitting next a small bucket of rolled penies. But her smile is brighter than the shiniest coin as she extains how it all happened. The Albany Children's center, which is operated year-ound by the Albany School sistrict, saved \$2,000 in two cars to buy a \$2,500 film projector. Last December when enter Director Sally Davis sked for fund-raising ideas, carpenter suggested collecting ennies.

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parents.

She sent off empty baby food jars with the 200 children, from 2½-year-old tots to 8-year-olds. "I had no idea how exciting it would be," said Carpenter, whose own class raised at least \$175.
"Once so many pennies started coming in," she said, "I thought this should be a learning experience for the

"I thought this should be a learning experience for the kids." So all eight classes at the school began to use pennies to teach counting, arithmetic, weights and measures. Also, a bright red bar graph kept track of the pennies pouring in, as the kids helped teachers and parents roll them.

As Carpenter told her story, one little boy, just tall enough to reach the "I Love Kids" button on her blouse, came to deliver a penny he had brought in that day. "The important thing is that the children can be a part of this, too," she added. "Most of our other projects involve the parents more than the kids."

Many foreign coins were also mixed in with the pennies, so Carpenter has already plan-ned her next project.



David Benjamin Kessler (from left), Betty Liang, Hannah Moore and Maeve McGovern helped collect more than \$500 in pennies to buy a movie projector

"I am very interested in multi-cultural things," she said, mentioning the multi-cultural library she set up at the center. Her next project is to

display the foreign coins, which represent the various cultures of the children at the

center.

The film projector should be

on its way by now. As for her bright idea, Carpenter leaned over with an excited whisper: "I think they had an ace in the

Parenting skills

workshop offered

A parenting skills workshop sponsored by the Albany Adult School and the Albany Middle School PTA will offer parents an opportunity to explore the world of early and pre-adolescents.

The workshop is scheduled for March 31 from 8:15 a.m. to noon at the Albany Middle School, 1000 Jackson St. It will feature arrea professionals in the fields of adolescent psychology, counseling and education.

In addition to hearing a keynote address on the physical and emotional development of adolescents, parents will participate in small group



David Wehr

"Motiviated and inquisitive"

# Albany student of the month

From his lean and tense demeanor, his sparing use of words and his black leather jacket, one immediately gains the impression that Kevin is a non-nonsense young man. Attesting to the accuracy of that impression are his excellent academic credentials and the scope and depth of his involvement in carefully-selected extra curricular activities.

Although he has attained honor roll status every semester throughout high school, won state-level awards for his prowess in chemistry and mathematics and earned varsity letters in soccer the last three years, it is not only his a c a d e m i c a n d s p o r t s achievements which qualify Kevin for student of the month. In fact it is the diversity and quality of his volunteer contributions to the high school and community which have been cited by staff members in recommending Kevin for special recognition.

Not willing to limit himself to leadership roles in the established activities — although he served as vice-president and president of the Chemistry Club in his sophomore and junior years — he extended his contribution by becoming a lab aide, which involved creation, demonstration, setup and instruction of labs for the chemistry class.

He conducted lectures, assigned work and directed chemistry classes on numerous occasions and tutored students extensively during school and on his own time.

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Kevin's interest in photography and theater converged for the benefit of the high school's drama productions where he has been responsible for and taught many other students the fine points of light and sound during 15 to 25 performances of each of the last three years. His hobby in photography has culminated this year in his position as photographic editor for the school newspaper, The Informer.

Other facets of Kevin's broad interests include political and social issues which led to his founding of Students for Political Awareness, a club which has organized and coordinated speakers and discussions on timely political topics for the high school student body. On a people to people trip to the U.S.S.R. in July 1989, Kevin was the student ambassador. On the local community scene he served on the Albany Youth Recreation Coordinating Committee and participated in the Youth Endinating Committee and par-ticipated in the Youth En-vironmental Conference in May

Promental Conference in May 1989.

From one of his teachers' descriptions, "Kevin is motivated, inquisitive, intelligent and independent. He has a warm personality, a sense of humor and is enjoyable to be around. He is a leader, respected by both teachers and students."

Kevin's broad interests in the natural sciences and English literature have led him to apply to four-year liberal arts colleges. We wish him continued inspiration and success. It will be interesting to follow his career.



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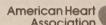
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and W. Mae Ritz said "I don't think we can ignore the freeway and the people who use it."
Mayor Bob Bacon sided with Jellison and Ritz.
Caltrans' \$240 million proposal, described by the agency as a "short-term solution" to the area's traffic problem, would widen the freeway from the Willow Pass Road exit to the Bay Bridge.
During the construction period, freeway traffic would be routed onto city thoroughfares such as San Pablo Avenue.
The agency claims that the \$240 million, which mostly comes from federal funds, can only be used for developing an interstate highway rather than mass transit.
Caltrans spokesman Clarence Yee told the council that "congestion is not going to go away... we realize that." He admitted that by the year 2005, increasing traffic would leave the newly-widened freeway as congested as it is now.
"With limited funds, there is only so much we can do to improve the condition of the freeways," he said. "Caltrans is always playing in a catch-up condition."
According to Yee, the freeway widening con-

he said. "Caltrans is always playing in a catch-up condition."
According to Yee, the freeway widening construction work would create "theoretical" traffic delays of about an hour and a half westbound and four hours eastbound. But, he said, "if you sit in traffic more than 30 minutes, you will seek alternate routes."
Kosel and her supporters fear that those "alternate routes" will be city streets, both during the freeway widening and afterward, when the new freeway becomes congested. Kosel favors vastly improved public transit as the solution to the Bay Area's growing transit and environmental problems.

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"What I am advocating here will not please those who are married to our automobiles, and to accuse myself, I am one of them," Kosel said.

"But truly it is the only solution given the numbers of people, numbers of cars, numbers of dollars, and number of pollutants involved."

Several members of the audience spoke out in support of Kosel's proposal. Charles Smith of Richmond described the Treeway widening as "a dog chasing its tail ... it's insane." El Cerrito resident Art Weber called the Caltrans plan "a

'What I am advocating here will not please those who are married to their automobiles

-Cathie Kosei



wasteful transport system that treats non-motorists as second-class citizens."

But El Cerrito resident Catherine Dusterdick, who said she first heard about the debate to oppose the freeway widening that morning, charged that the council could not vote on the issue without greater public debate.

"You are representing the citizens," she said.
"Please don't forget it."

Dusterdick asked the city to provide more information on the 1-80 proposal before making any decision. Kosel agreed that such requests were reasonable, but said she hoped that by the end of the two-month period, "more of you will agree with me."

But Kosel's toughest sell will probably be her fellow council members, not the public. Jellison, who described herself as favoring neither additional "ribbons of concrete" or "freeway bashing," said she believes the freeway widening would be an important component of a multifaceted transit system overhaul.

"I would like it to be noted that if the vote had been taken tonight, there would have been three people opposed to (Kosel's) proposal," she said.

After the meeting, some of Kosel's supporters said they will work to rally public opinion and change the council's mind in the coming months.

# House

Continued from front page the residents Jan. 31.

In a Feb. 2 letter to the city, Alameda County environmental health specialist Bradley Dea said inspectors found that the house contained "a large accumulation of human and dog feces through the upstairs living quarters and downstairs basement, sometimes as high as three feet."

"The health aspect was dealt with right away," said Lambert, who inspected the home Feb. 23. "They cleaned out all the feces in the house, and did a surprisingly thorough job."

Homeowner Louis George, a former City Council member, denies that human waste was found in the house. There was dog waste in the bathroom, he

said, but not in the living room, hallway or kitchen.

After the Feb. 23 inspection, Albany's Public Works Department granted the owners, Louis George, Donald George and Walter Dawson until April 10 to correct 30 building code violations.

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The building code violations include extensive dry rot, defective electrical wiring, mildew on all the interior walls, holes in the walls and structural damage to stairways and the chimney.

"Everything's O.K.," George said. "The cleanup is ahead of schedule." George, who has removed two large dumpsters full of refuse, said four workers are helping him with repairs.

Other health hazards noted by

county official Dea were a flea population, a blocked system (toilets), and 18 "defecating and running within the premises."

The insect and sewer prohave been corrected, Lasaid, and 17 dogs, mostly Geshepherds have been shielts. Berkeley-East Bay Hui Society since Jan. 31. Georgone older dog to sleep.

The Dawson's 2-year daughter was placed in foste Jan. 31 because officials beher health was in danger mother, 37-year-old \$1 Dawson, wife of Walter Dawson, wife of the Georges, descripted causes, according

# Vandals

Continued from front page vandalism rate for January and February rose 40 percent over last year. During the first three months of 1989, 54 vandalisms occurred. So far this year, 102 incidents have been reported, Guggemos said.

Diano, a baseball coach and pressman at *The Tribune* said: "You're sick when you just want to destroy things. Everybody loses by vandalism."

Beverly McCauley, 36, said she was upstairs in her home on Moeser Lane when she heard a noise. At about 10 p.m. Feb. 24, someone shot a BB or pellet into her living room where her 6-yeardld son played on the floor. He wasn't hurt, she said, but 'I just hope they find out who did it."

El Cerrito Detective Shawn Maples said the department has no leads in the case. Police do not think the vandalism is related to recent increases in El Cerrito auto thefts and burglaries, Maples said.

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In what police believe may be a related incident, a 30-year-old man was shot in the leg with a BB or pellet gun Feb. 23 as he stood outside 7-Eleven on Stockton Avenue. The pellet went through his pants and broke the skin on his leg. He was taken to Highland Hospital for treatment of the

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minor injury.

Maples said the victim did not see where the shot came from.

"He just happaned to be in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Incidents occurred all across the city, east to west from Kearney Street to Arlington Boulevard, and north to south from Cutting Boulevard to Ramona Avenue. The hardest hit area was Richmond Street between kamona Avenue. The hardesf hit area was Richmond Street bet-ween the 500 and 1400 blocks, where seven cars and two homes were vandalized. In Albany, cars were vandalis-ed on the 600 blocks of Santa Fe

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# KMAC

Continued from front page as mediating between neighbors or strictly following the law," said Edythe Campbell, council secretary. She added that, given the unique character of Kens-ington, judgments would need to be on a case-by-case basis.

Richard Muller took an op-posite point of view from Camp-bell, saying that there is a code and decisions need to be made based on whether or not they will benefit the community and not just the individual. "We can't be Solomon in each case," he said.

'I don't see our role as mediating between neighbors or strictly following the

-Fdvthe Campbell

the KMAC voted to make the following recommendations to the County Planning

Commission:

• Approved an application to build a three-story house at 58

Kensington Court contingent on the builders filing a \$1,500 escrow account to create a landscape screen on completion of the

screen on completion of the project.

Disapproved a request for a one-foot setback from the easement at 81 Norwood. The council was concerned that if the variance were approved, fire trucks would be unable to reach two lots located behind the property in question.

Denied a request for code variance for a rear yard deck at 204 Arlington pending such time that the neighbors could agree on both the design and dimensions of the proposed deck.

# Acne drug is dangerous

State Health Director Kenneth W. Kizer, M.D., M.P.H., recently announced that the drug Accutane, used in the treatment of severe cases of acne, has been removed from the Medi-Cal program drug formulary as of Feb. 15.

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Accutane is often prescribed when conventional therapy fails. It has been linked to birth defects when taken during pregnancy. "Used appropriately, Accutane can be uniquely effective in the treatment of severe cases of a cne," 'Kizer said. "Inappropriate use of Accutane, however, continues to be reported.

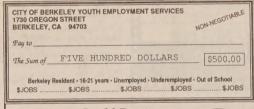
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"I am concerned about the potential for adverse effects to both men and women, particularly women of child bearing age who are pregnant or become pregnant while being treated with Accutane," he said.
Accutane will remain available for program beneficiaries through the Medi-Cal prior authorization system. Medi-Cal providers will be required to submit a treatment authorization request for review and approval before prescribing Accutane.

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The manufacturer of Accutane, Hoffman La-Roche, Inc., in conjunction with the American Academy of Dermatology and the federal Food and Drug Administration, has undertaken an educational program for physicians regarding the teratogenic effects of Accutane, including a description of the nature of the birth defect and the frequency with which they occur.

Changes pertaining to the birth defect potential have also been made in the professional labeling, patient labeling and the packaging of this drug. Female patients and their physicians will be strongly encouraged to sign an informed consent form verifying that the patient understands the dangers of Accutane.

"This action by the Department of Health Services provides an additional safety measure to ensure that those patients in need of this drug receive it appropriately, and that all patients are properly warned of the possible adverse effects," Kizer said.



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Tickets are \$7.00 and can be ordered by calling the Walnut Creek Civic Aff Box Office at 943-5862. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

CrazyAtrics Children's Musical Theatre is presenting LI'L ABNER at the Walm Creek Civic Arts Theatre at Del Valle March 8 to 17. Based on Al Capp's legendar comic strip, LI'L ABNER made its Broadway debut in 1956 with direction and choreography by Michael Kidd. CrazyAtrics' full-scale production features an akid cast, original costumes and set design, updated musical arrangements and set design.

CrazyAtrics, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1981 by Director Edwal Belasco to introduce the performing arts to East Bay children. Belasco is a veter of numerous roles on stage and television. A graduate of U.C. Berkeley, Belasco all studied theatre at Diablo Valley College, Eric Morris Actors' Workshop and the Este Harmon Actors' Workshop in Hollywood. Belasco most recently appeared "American Buffalo" at the Subterranean Theatre in Berkeley.

CrazyAtrics has over 100 children enrolled with classes for toddlers through age Upcoming productions include FOLLIES at the Willows Theatre in late March. Remore information about CrazyAtrics, call 256-9516.

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The couples spent their time snorkeling, whale watching, jogging, sunset watching and shopping.

Coincidentally, Jan's daughter, Lauri Lind, and her fiance, Chris White, were also vacationing during thier school spring break three miles from where her mother was staving.

miles from where her mother was staying.

Lauri and Chris will be married in June at the Dunsmuir House and will move to Baltimore where both will continue their studies. Jan will graduate in June from U.C. Berkeley with a degree in anthropology, which she will continue to study. Chris is a pre-med student.

The California Chamber of Commerce reports a workshop on health care issues will be held at the California Chamber's Spring Legislative Conference April 3 in

Legislative Conference April 3 in Sacramento.

An understanding of the options facing the business community and an insight into the politics surrounding health care will be discussed.

Cliff Allenby, secretary of the Health and Welfare Agency, will be a panelist. Allenby co-chairs the AB350 task force on uncompensated care which will be making its recommendations to the governor this week. Initial drafts of the report have called for employer-mandated health insurance.

New Members

**New Members** 

Irene Lawrence, tax preparer



and financial planner, has recently joined the Albany Chamber of Commerce.

Upon receiving her B.S. in mathmatics at Stanford, she taught two years in a Hillsborough high school and six years in Liberia, West Africa.

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Returning to Berkeley, she earned a Ph.D. in linguistics and theology. Lawrence then taught theology at the Theological Union in Berkeley, U.C. Davis and Alaska Pacific University in Anchorage. It was there she had her daughter, Elizabeth, and decided to change professions.

to change professions.

Locating in Albany, she started working part time as a tax preparer while working full time as a financial planner. Last September Lawrence decided to work full time for herself in tax preparation and representation and fee only financial planning.

Lawrence's hobbies are photographing her six-year-old daughter and animals. She serves on a PTA board of directors and is active in the East Bay Chapter of the California Society of



Sally Phillips (left) and Georgia Carlson, owners of Bears and Baubles

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An educational junkie, she loves to read for the professional education requirements and for pleasure. She is published in theological publications.

When Georgia Peterson and Sally Phillips met at a craft Teddy Bear and Doll Trade Show, they never dreamed they would one day be business partners. Not knowing they were neighbors at the the time, they shared mutual interests in many things.

Georgia rang Sally's doorbell one morning and asked if she would like to open a store. Sally was scared but the two opened their Solano Avenue business in 1988 selling plush stuffed animals, jewelry, dolls and custom-made animals.

Georgia teaches classes on how to make teddy bears while Sally makes hand-painted shirts, Christmas ornaments and special animals to order from scratch. Synthetic and real mohair are used in making teddy bears. Safety eyes are used on all stuffed animals.

animals.

Georgia and her husband, Clifford, have thought about moving to Washington and opening a toy store. But, according to Georgia, "We may never leave this place, as I would miss Sally and, besides, our landlady is the best ever."

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Sally said making teddy bears is satisfying. "Each face develops a different personality. Usually by the time I finish with the bear, I have to give it a name."
They offer a delivery service for their stuffed animals and party balloons.

#### Summer jobs now available at land management bureau

The Bureau of Land Management is now soliciting applications for seasonal employment with actual job assignments expected to begin in March. Specific offices of the California Employment Development Department will be accepting applications for the more than 200 jobs that are available throughout the state.

BLM's new hiring process allows applicants to submit applications throughout the year to specific cooperating state EDD offices.

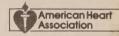
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Most of the jobs will be in BLM's fire or land survey programs and will including working on wildland fire lanes, engines, hand crews, helicopters, dispatch centers or cadastral survey crews. Other jobs available are monitoring archaeological sites, wildlife, forestry projects and recreational activities.

Interested persons who wish to submit job applications for this program should contact the BLM District Office nearest their home or to any area where they wish to work.

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# Modern-day Mary Poppins are blossoming in America

Have you ever wished for a crystal ball so you could conjure up Mary Poppins, that perfect child care attendant who anticipated everything and always had total control?

As nice as that might be, most of us know that Mary Poppins doesn't exist, but in recent years a new breed of nannies has evolved and the industry is growing. More and more families are opting for live-in child care thanks in part to the increase in two-career families.

But if the pannies of today.

But if the nannies of today aren't Mary Poppins, who are they and where do they come from?

from?

Those in the industry say the typical nanny is 18 to 60 years old, either foreign born or American, people who are delaying college for a few years, using the job to relocate, or who con-



Came from Ireland
sider themselves professional.
Nearly all nannies are women and they all wanted to be treated like an employee with contracts, set hours and privacy.
"They are people who are working because they have to work, not for a little extra money," said Bea Littlejohn, owner of Be In Our Care, a nanny placement agency in Oakland.
"It's the work they've chosen.
The most essential thing is that they all love children."

Both Littlejohn and Vikki arris, a placement specialist ith Today's HELP domestic ency, agree that the industry

has changed over the years.

When Littlejohn started her agency five years ago, after working in traditional day care, "people weren't as aware of what the options were," she said. "Child care has become a big issue now." She places 15 nannies a month, many locally.

Both women agree that there is a shortage. Harris places six to 10 nannies a month.

"I could double that if I had more workers," she said. "It's a low-paying industry."

Nannies receive anywhere from \$700 to \$1,400 a month plus room and board.

Also, "we do a lot of selecting and eliminating," Littlejohn said. "Some people are just not qualified."

"There isn't really a description of the ideal nanny, except that they all love children," Littlejohn said. "In our reference checking, we ask a lot of personal questions about such things as whether they'd be a good role model for children, whether they have good common sense, initiative and maturity."

Harris looks for prior training and experience.

Harris looks for prior training and experience. "Ideally they are in their late 20s to early 40s, probably have some infant experience, preferably are CPR trained, maybe have taken some childhood development classes and have a long interest in children."

Lilly Fitzpatrick, 25, came here from Ireland five years ago to be a nanny. She had no previous child care training, but she took the job in order to make more money.

the job in order to make more money.

"It's been great," she says of the nanny job she has since left.
"But I wouldn't do it again. The families are great, it's very secure, you get to live in the best neighborhoods and go to great places. You get attached to the kids, but I don't think I'd ever do it again. You have no life of your own."

Mardel Wilson, 21, of Vacaville, went to the California Nanny College in Sacramento. The 16-week program taught her skills in nutrition, parenting and childhood development, among other subjects.

"I always knew I wanted to do something with kids," she said.
"I didn't want to go to a four year college. I thought I needed to make sure I was capable of doing this."

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So far she has been a nanny for two years and has occasionally entertained thoughts of other child-related careers.

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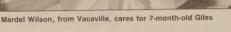
Eighteen-year-old Jennifer Freligh has been a nanny for less than two months. She's left her home in Idaho for the first time to take this job, which was offered by a nanny recruiter who attended career day at Freligh's high school.

"The hardest part is being away from home," she said. "I expected to meet more people soon. The biggest problem is relating to the family. A lot of things are different."

One of Freligh's early adventures was going to a Japanese restaurant. "It was definitely an expected."

A decade or two ago, a nanny might have been considered a luxury for the rich, who were more apt to need a live-in to clean the upstairs and downstairs and answer doors as well as take care of children.

Today, many of the families make financial sacrifices in order to employ nannies



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The Bay Area doesn't "have as much of a 'daycare mentality' here," where children are taken outside of the home for care, Harris said.

"It's definitely a 'come to my house mentality,' but some people can't afford that," she said.
"They go through tremendous sacrifices sometimes to pay for it. Those who can afford to pay drive the market up."

Despite the cost, nannies are in

torneys, doctors, stockbrokers — and most live in Piedmont, Berkeley or Contra Costa County.

"We were willing to pay for one-on-one care," said Les Hausrath, who found a nanny for his 15-month-old son through Littlejohn. "We both own businesses and we're quite busy and

But the decision about to have a live-in or live-or came after Hausrath int



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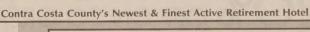
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Mike Kostainsek's throw for any sailed to second base but foougars were in sight and with ball rolling into center field, with sped into third. From there was El Cerrito's top hitter, cater Kurt Hunt who delivered the with a single to center, giving Cerrito their 1-0 lead.

They stretched their advantage 20 in the second when Bob wayan walked, stole second and oxed on a hit by pitcher John into.

Patton meanwhile was im-

going, keeping the Cougars off balance the first time through the lineup, but in the third the Cougars evened up the score.

A couple of errors doomed the Gauchos in the third and a sacrifice fly combined with those errors allowed the Cougars to score twice and tie the score.

Patton got into trouble of his own in the fourth. After he walked the first two Cougars he saw, he wild-pitched them to second and third. He battled his way back to get the next two outs when trouble hit.

Trying to get ahead on his first pitch, Patton threw a curve that bit too much and hit the plate and bounced away. This allowed the Cougar runner to trot home with what proved to be the winning run.

Mike Prelock came in to relieve

what proved to be the winning run.

Mike Prelock came in to relieve Patton and threw three shutout innings keeping the Cougars to their one run margin.

"We hit the ball hard a few times," said Gaucho head coach Dennis Abel. "But we hit them right at somebody."

The loss didn't dampen the hopes of Abel who knows the Gauchos are in tough against Bay Valley Athletic League foes.

"Going from last year De La Salle has a lot of starters coming back so they should be tough. Antioch, Berkeley, Pinole Valley and Clayton Valley are all improved."

Abel's group isn't a bunch of pushovers. They're led by a strong pitching lineup and an ex-

perienced group of outfielders.
Joining Patton on the pitching staff is senior Alex Franklin and a couple of youngsters up from last year's junior varsity. Bobby Kahlon and Shane Dowling both led the JV squad last year, each chalking up records of 8-1.
The outfield is led by returning centerfield Sam Taylor who last year was a starter in that position and will be expected to hold the group together. He is flanked by LeRone Smith in left field and Ali Hayes in right. Both played last year getting their feet wet at the varsity level.

The infield has some good players but ones that are new to starting, so Gauchos fans will have to wait to see how the team progresses.

"It's really difficult to say right."

progresses.
"It's really difficult to say right now, how we'll come around. We haven't been doing a bad job. We're working hard and there are We're working hard and there are signs that we can be a good club," Abel said. "We should be a lot better toward the end of the season. The more they play the better they'll get." The Gauchos take on St. Mary's in a non-league game today at Cerrito Vista ball park.

At the Junior Varsity level the Gauchos used an 11-run fourth inning to rout the Cougars 19-1 in the season opener for both teams. The Gauchos batted Albany pitching for 12 hits to go along



The Gauchos got an early run off a pitch from Albany's lan Atkinson

with those 19 runs and stole 11 bases in the win. The Gauchos were led by a host of players. Dirk Lacy, Everett Harrington and Dale Potts each had two hits. Lead-off batter Khari Dickson was on base five times.

was on base five times.

"Offensively we have a lot of speed," said coach Steve Werren.

"Dickson emphasized what we are trying to do, have a good pitch selection and get on base."

Dickson not only got on five times, he stole two bases and scored three times as did Joey Pearse, one for three times and three runs scored.

Mike Hughes started on the mound for the Gauchos and pit-ched two scoreless innings while they were building a 6-0 lead after

two. Kwanza Graggs took over on the mound and gave up just one unearned run.

Lauren Caputo walked with the bases loaded forcing home Alexis Cajina. Cajina and Shawn Purcell had the only two hits for Albany against the Gaucho pitching tandem.

El Cerrito got good infield play from shortstop Joey Pearse and second baseman Ricky Murillo. The latter had two hits at the plate including a double.

#### Women's Softball

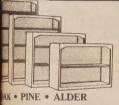
The Cougars and Gauchos met again last week, this time in varsi-ty softball action with the Gauchos getting the win 21-4 over

the women Cougars.

El Cerrito star Joyclyn Russell started her season off with a bang knocking in a homerun and stealing seven bases. Shatrina Thomas also lit up the Cougars with a grand slam as the Gauchos rolled, after trailing 4-2 after the first inning of play.

The Gauchos made their winning streak two straight, defeating the De Anza Dons 12-5. In that one Russell made a start on the mound and again was alive at the plate, getting one hit and stealing four bases.

Second baseman Shira Warren scored two runs and Michelle Johnson pitched a strong two innings in the win. The Gauchos bring their 2-0 record into play this week.



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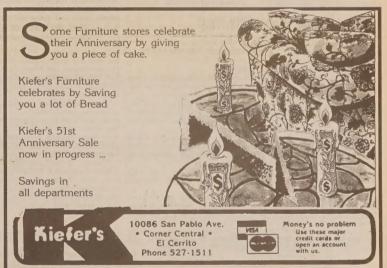
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# Chair ·

Continued from front page like me, don't care for competitive sports, preferring things like fishing, hiking, camping. The Cobra definitely enables them to branch out."

The Cobra is a labor of love for Castellano, who spent his life savings to design and construct his project. Now 31, Castellano had a long list of "million dollar" ventures — most of which were bike designs — when leaving his Los Angeles job five years ago.

But after reading a Car and Driver road test of lightweight wheelchairs, 'he got his first ideas for the Cobra.

His next step was to draw up

His next step was to draw up some initial plans and take them to Ralph Hotchkiss, a consultant for the Car and Driver article and himself a wheelchair user due to a motorcycle accident.

After Hotchkiss gave him the thumbs up, Castellano abandoned his other projects and was off and running on the Cobra.

"It was definitely the most ambitious of all my ideas," he said. It was also probably the smartest: most of his original bicycle ideas have since been successfully designed and marketed by bigger bike

In April of 1987, Castellano went to work developing his designs full time — writing computer programs to test frame designs and building dozens of "broom handle mock-ups." Thirty frames later he had his final design



'There are many physically handicapped people out there who, like me, don't care for competitive sports' - John Castellano

and began building his first prototype.

#### Mountain bike wheels

The chair weighs 40 pounds, about 20 pounds heavier than the average wheelchair, but still light. It has a low-slung seat fit snug to maximize fast descents and prevent flipping.

Castellano uses two sizes of mountain bike wheels which themselves have two hand rims

The chair can be steered conventionally or by a specially designed handlebar system. It is equipped with four-wheel disc brakes, hand-built by Castellano, that work well for stopping at high speeds.

One of the biggest tests for Castellano was designing a chair that was not only light but also able to withstand stress.

"A structure is only as strong as its weakest link," he said. "Bikes have over a hundred years of trial development, but this was an entirely new vehicle."

Castellano said his biggest assets were his aeronautics know-how, his go-cart experience, and his love for mountain biking and landsailing, each of which played a role in the ultimate design.

By Thanksgiving of 1987, Castellano was completely broke, having spent his savings to work on designs. But with borrowed money he was able to construct his "first batch" of Cobras, all of which quickly sold for \$2,500 each.

Profits went directly back into his "Up and Over Engineering" company for further development on the chair.

Every chair is built by hand in Castellano's home workshop and requires about 150 hours of tedious labor. "The Cobra is where mountain bikes were 10 years ago," he said. "Improvements and Continued on next page



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**East Bay Dining** By Michael S. Holmes

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Holy Lanta serves a variety or satisfy a green salad, rice or homemade french fries.

My lunch consisted of humus with tehina (sesame seed dip), a cold mushroom salad, stuffed grape leaves, Israeli pickles and olives, falafel and home made pita bread all beautifully presented and perfectly prepared by this charming couple.

Also on the menu are gefilte fish and stuffed cabbage; both come with pita, beef shishlik, schnitzel, kabob, stuffed bellpepper, fried and corned egg plant and matzo ball chicken soup.

All items on the menu are available for take out and Holy Land does kosher catering throughout the Bay Area. The restaurant is glatt kosher which is the highest standard for a kosher restaurant. No dairy products are served and smoking is not permitted on the premises. Holy Land is located at 677 Rand Ave. in Oakland and open Sunday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed Saturday. The phone number is 272-0535.

OYSTER REEF
Dining by the sailboats or over the water in casual elegance are two great reasons to visit the Oyster Reef restaurant for lunch or dinner, but it's the extensive seafood menu and full bar that will keep you coming back for more season after season.

Steamed clams, fried calamari and barbequed oysters are appetizers just to get you in the mood for the main dishes prepared by Amy Rego. The main courses include: oysters supreme, Prawns scampi, crab cioppino and the captains special; scallops St. John in white wine sauce with mushrooms and parmesan cheese.

Red snapper and the fish of the day are complemented by wines from the well stocked glass enclosed cold room. Selections include BV Cabernet Sauvignon, Chateau St. Jean, Clois du Bois and Moet Chandon champagne.

Acceptance Sadvignon, Chateau St. Jean, Closs du Bois and Moet Chandon champagne.

Reservations are recommended and the restaurant is open seven days a week from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; lunch is served until 3 p.m. and the dinner hour starts at 3 p.m.

Master Charge, Visa, Discovery Card, American Express and Diners cards are welcome.

cards are welcome.

The Oyster Reef is located at 1000 Embarcadero, in Oakland, for reservations please call 836-2519.

#### INDIA KASHMIR RESTAURANT

Located at the top of Solano Avenue in Berkeley, the India Kashmir Restaurant continues to be a mainstay of Northern Indian and tandoori clay oven specialties. This year finds an addition of an all you can eat buffet luncheon aptly called 'curry in a hurry' served daily with a choice of 14 delicious entrees.

Manager Ajit Mahal and chef Hardam Singh Grewall have achieved the perfect balance of gracious hospitality and fine food served in an unhurried and peaceful atmosphere.

The dinner and lunch menus are filled with Indian favorites starting with meat samosas of spiced lamb and pakoras vegetarian; deep fried mixed vegetables coated with garbanzo batter. Out of the tandoori oven come chicken tandoori, boti kebab of cubed marinated lamb, tandoori fish and prawns.

The curry specialties are served a la carte or as complete dinners and include choices of poultry, lamb, beef and seafood. The curries may be ordered mild, medium or hot depending on your taste and level of adventure.

India Kashmir Restaurant is located at 1888 Solano Avenue in

adventure.

India Kashmir Restaurant is located at 1888 Solano Avenue in Berkeley and is open seven days a week from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., for the special buffet lunch and for dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For additional information and reservations please call 525-1122.

WALKER'S RESTAURANT AND PIE SHOP

If you have been in the Bay Area for any length of time you have undoubtedly heard of Walker's Restaurant and Pie Shop and if you have looked for home cooking served with a smile you have eaten here many times.

looked for home cooking served with a smile you have eaten here many times.

Dolly Walker and her brother Doug have run this homestyle restaurant since 1964 in the same location with essentially the same wholesome and down-to-earth menu that their dad started with in 1957. Their loyal customers span three generations and then some. My initiation took place in 1965 as a Saint Mary's high school senior.

Breakfast served Tuesday through Saturday includes: ham and cheese, bacon and cheese and plain omelets served with hash browns, buttered toast and jam; French toast with bacon and egg; and the Granddaddy, consisting of ham, bacon or sausage, two eggs any style, hash browns, toast and jam.

The lunch menu at Walker's takes two full pages to list old time favorites and daily specials. Salads and soup, dieter's specials, complete hot lunches and burger classics are only a portion of what you will find offered at Walker's. The sandwich selection alone has eight choices from roast beef or ham to tuna and bacon cheese all served on white, wheat or rye.

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Dinners at Walker's are under the heading of 'Complete Dinners,' an obvious understatement. Entrees include; a 10-ounce cut New York steak; double cut prime rib; smoked tavern ham with grilled pineapple; filet of red snapper (grilled or poached); and the fresh catch of the day. Your entree includes homemade soup, tossed green salad or molded gelatin salad, house-made rolls, vegetables and potato and a "slice of our famous pie" at no extra cost.

Walker's Restaurant and Pie Shop is located at 1491 Solano Ave. in Albany and open for breakfast Tuesday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., lunch Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., dinner Tuesday through Thursday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday dinner 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for additional information and to order food to go please call \$25-4647.





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restellano straps his off-road wheelchair to the back of his VW

# Chair

ucturing will continue with

production and eventually make a profit.

Until then, he said, he is happy to live "without a working turntable" if it means building and improving the

"At times it's been a struggle, seeing that I could have been making a lot more money at Hughes," Castellano said. "But I've always figured that it was not only something that needed to be done, but something I could get a lot of personal satisfaction doing. This wheelchair has become my entire resume."

For information about the Cobra, write to Up and Over Engineering, 1509 Liberty St., El Cerrito 94530 or call 233-1328.

'It was not only something that needed to be done, but something I could get a lot of personal satisfaction doing'

-John Castellano

# Nannies

nearly a dozen candidates. The one he liked best wanted a live-in

ohe in Rece de America.

He chose Michele Heaps, 22, a trained nanny who attended college in Beverly Hills.

"She seemed to want to do this as a career," he said.

The match was compatible because Heaps and the Hausraths respect each others' privacy.
"We didn't want a nanny who wanted to become part of the family," he said.

But not every family feels the

same.
Linda Rawlings, president of Otis Spunkmeyer Cookies, is happy with her nanny.

"We have no problem with privacy. We're more compatible (with this nanny than the last). She feels like a member of our family."

#### The Agencies

Families can find placement agencies through advertisements in parenting magazines.

But, word-of-mouth is bringing in a lot of business.

"If you have one person you place, they'll send you all of their friends," Little

Although Harris contacts nanny schools and distributes flyers, she agrees that referrals are the main source of recruitment. "One nanny tells another."

The Bay Area is a hot spot for nanny referral services, Harris said

"You can go to other cities and find only one agency," she said. "Here there are at least five."



Jennifer Friligh with Kelsey Collier, 13 months

# The Journal

For local high school sports coverage



MAMA'S

# East Bay Dining By Michael S. Holmes

Let Let Cheval the quiet classical music and cloud painted in contrast to the outside world. Within moments Minh family make everyone who comes through the door feel a

amily.

is cuisine is the blending of French and Chinese cooking
Le Cheval it is an art. Firepot soup and shredded pork
with 'nuoc mam', a delicious fish sauce used in many
s the lunch with nuances of taste that great restaurants

eve.

even specials served with the soup of the day and your

e include; Beef in Orange Flavor, pan fried with orange
peppers; Grilled Pork Chops with Lemon Grass; and a

ore stir fried beef dish with vegetables.

Itrees not to be missed are Lemon Grass Squid with hot

ns in Oyster Sauce, and shark in coconut milk with okra,

curry.

pers, Clams in Oyster Sauce, and shark in coconut milk with okra, blant and curry.

Bant and curry.

All the see are just a few of the dishes in the seven page menu, be ared to enjoy many more. Also be prepared to order from more followed to enjoy many more. Also be prepared to order from more to the see that the world.

Cheval has two location in the East Bay. At the Kaiser Center at 20th Street, serving lunch Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 and dinner 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. closed Saturday and Sunday the Brumber is 763-3610. Le Cheval is also located at 1414 Jefferson at City Center and open all day 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 4 to 10 p.m. the phone number is 763-8495.

ECHESE STEAK SHOP
The Cheese Steak Shop on Lakeshore Avenue in Oakland is serving tworld-famous Philly Cheese Steak and Hoagie sandwiches dressed the live oil and oregano. All the steak sandwiches consist of thinly-sliced ribeye steak, opped on the grill, then served on an Amoroso soft Italian roll. Indicate are imported from Philadelphia as needed to create the dentic Philly steak sandwich.

Other sandwich choices are mushroom cheese steak, barbecue, peptoni pizza and the cheese steak Hoagie. The list of extras let you de it your way with tomatoes, peppers, fried onions and kosher

marines, zeps and heros are all variations of the Hoagie. At the e Steak Shop all the Hoagies are served on an Amoroso soft troll with olive oil and oregano. All Hoagies include lettuce and bes with your choice of raw onions, hot and/or sweet cherry is, white American or Provolone cheese.

Ou have never tried one or if you miss a Philly Cheese, take a lo 3308 Lakeshore Ave., open seven days a week 11 a.m. to 9 To order by phone, call 832-6717. Caution: may be habiting.

ESIRLOIN RESTAURANT
The Sirloin Restaurant, a tradition in Oakland for over 40 years, is ten new ownership. Todd Hansen and Deborah Wendel have kept best from the past and are busy adding more to the extensive

can style menu.

Il known for serving the best prime rib and sirloin in the East Bay, rloin is now being influenced by Todd's 20 years culinary experion is now being influenced by Todd's 20 years culinary experion world travels. New on the menu are fresh pasta dishes from the fettucini with sausage, oregano, olive oil and sun dried bes, and tortellini in an oyster and musfiroom sauce. Also new on finu are scallops in an orange and ginger cream sauce and angel a food pasta.

best cuts of fresh domestic beef are always available as well as da half inch thick loin cut lamb chops, veal and baby back pork his is real food for real appetites.

Sirloin Restaurant is located at 3423 Grand Ave. in Oakland, serving lunch Tuesday through Sunday 4:30 to 10:30 p.m.. to 2:30 and dinner Tuesday through Sunday 4:30 to 10:30 p.m.. The bar until 1 a.m. on the weekends. Phone 893-3052 for additional indon and reservations.



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several other parks have always
been part of the proposed plans
for the Albany waterfront. We
do not need a huge "state park
and campground" from which
to look at the view.
Right now the only folks who
can really enjoy the view in
safety and comfort are the ones
who live on the west side of the
hill. More power to them, but
the rest of us are entitled to a
safe, comfortable environment
to enjoy being near the water.
Albany has a right to decide
for itself through established
procedures with all the built-in
safeguards. To the rest of you:
Hands off!

Marjorie Keck

Marjorie Keck Albany

#### Initiative ties elements together for one vote

Editor:

We Albany citizens have a difficult enough job ahead of us in working together to form a consensus on what should be done with our waterfront without outside agitators interfering in the process. Yet that is just what Chicago-based Santa Fe Pacific Realty is doing in turning us against each other. Santa Fe recently sent out a letter that Senator Joseph MCcarthy would have been proud of, implying that Citizens for the Albany Shoreline is a front for CESP and the Sierra Club and that their prime objective is to torpedo any waterfront development, leaving Albany in financial distress. The truth is that all CAS members are Albany residents and most are longtime Albany property owners who pay property taxes just like everyone else. Whatever happens on the waterfront affects CAS members financially the same way it saffects everyone else. CESP has repeatedly stated that any waterfront outcome should take Albany's financial needs into consideration. CESP supports the citizens initiative because they believe that a majority of Albany voters would prefer as much park and recreation as possible and that acitizen vote would serve that end.

Personally, I would support whatever project a majority of

end.
Personally, I would support whatever project a majority of Albany voters approve and would part company with anyone who would leave Albany out on a financial limb.
There is so much misinformation in the community about the citizens initiative that I would like to set the record straight. The idea behind the initiative is not to

have a series of separate votes but to tie all the elements (General Plan, zoning, development agreement, specific plan) into one package and vote

With proper planning, zoning and general plan changes should be infrequent and several could be voted on at one time. If votes turn out to be too frequent, the problem would not show up for several years and the initiative can be amended by a vote of the people just as we amend our city charter when necessary. It is really up to the voters to decide between having maximum control of the process and being put off by "too many" votes. Many have asked, "Why not use the state referendum process that already exists instead of an initiative?" The initiative allows votes to be scheduled in advance rather than a last minute special election that would be triggered by the referendum process.

Special referendum elections

Special referendum elections would cost the City of Albany \$15,000 each. A vote coordinated with a previously scheduled municipal election would cost under \$500 and, under the initiative, the developer pays all costs associated with the vote. Using the initiative saves Albany a considerable amount of money over the referendum process.

As far a legalities are concerned, our city attorney has ruled the initiative to be legal and sustainable in court. Santa Fe is far more likely to modify and resubmit a plan turned down by the voters than to take an expensive longshot in court that would only alienate those same voters who would be voting on their future proposals.

I believe it is entirely possible to reach a community-wide consensus and verify it by a city-wide vote. In fact, it could be a good community building experience to have a large part of Albany participating in this process

I, for one, look forward to an exciting decade in Albany and to making a lot of new friends in the community. All we have to do is treat each other with respect and recognize that those with differing views have Albany's best interest at heart just as we do.

#### **Burglaries in BART** lots underreported

Editor:

The article "E.C. car theft, burglary rate zooms" dated March I really struck home. On Jan. 16 I reported an attempted theft of my 1985 Honda Accord to the BART police. I had parked in the morth lot of Del Norte BART from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The car was locked, contained an inexpensive radio and was empty of personal belongings.

As you can see the news article was incomplete because it did not include auto theft and auto burglary incidents within the parking lots surrounding the two BART stations in El Cerrito. Moreover, crimes reported to the BART police vs. city police are not included in the regular "Police Report" column in your newspaper.

the regular "Police Report" column in your newspaper.

By excluding BART incidents you are systematically underreporting the crime rate to your readers, a crime rate which, for auto theft and auto bruglary in El Cerrito alone, has "increased by more than 50 percent in recent months."

In a letter dated Feb. 27 the BART detective in charge of the investigation of my case noted the following:

In the Bay Area Japanese vehicles are the No. 1 target of auto thieves and auto burglars due to desirable stereos and ease of entry.

The damaged door lock I sent him shows a typical method

sent him shows a typical method of entry.

He also added: "If memory serves me correctly, the City of El Cerrito has the fourth highest crime rate in Contra Costa County."

He suggested that "In order to minimize one's chances of being a victim, one can either move to a safer area where crime and drugs are not so rampant or one can follow son proven crime techniques."

My family has lived in El Cerrito since 1920 and I am not about to move. I am willing to add some "anti-theft" devices to my car. There is something your newspaper can do as well.

We readers deserve to know the "full story" about crime occurring on BART property as well as on our city streets. We can then take necessary precautions, report suspicious

precautions, report suspicious activity to police officers and hold accountable our publicly elected officials to reduce the crime rate.



# Rain brings hazards

Last week's downpour brought a series of accidents in Albany and El Cerrito, according to police. At 3 p.m. Friday parents and teachers rushed to help an 8-year-year Marin Elementary School student who was hit by

# Richmond drug bust the bigges

# Police from 20 jurisdictions arrest 61 suspected traffick

RICHMOND — Police say last week's massive roundup of suspected drug dealers was pro-bably the largest coordination of law enforcement personnel for one drug operation in Bay Area

donald Avenue because of increasing resident complaints about drug trafficking, prostitution and increased violence.

In the course of 100 hours of surveillance, police served 55 arrest warrants for "hand to hand" drug sales. On one occasion, drug dealers threatened the life of two officers by pointing guns at their heads.

heads.

Howard said police interrupted the undercover operation briefly in January when violence bred by the drug operations, though not directly connected to them, crupted into a barrage of gunplay and drive-by shootings that took the life of a 17-year-old girl and culminated in neighborhood walk-throughs by community leaders.

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leaders.

"Although that violence was not directly related to the drug activity it reflects the whole nature of the drug business in terms of the weapons that you have," Howard said.

"The only reported incide woman who complained pains, perhaps when she she was under arrest." Police served 17 waltogether. Howard said the op while successful, probable the end of the problem area.

"I don't think you we've ended drug traffic

# Measure

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said.

The council said the sunset clause was recommended by attorneys and is necessary. If voters agree, the clause will apply to both the city's and the citizens measures.

"There's an awful lot of ob-

solete laws on the books," Henry Kruse said. "Wh put something this drast law) there is good reason a provision in the law that not become effective things change."

# Police Report

from Pay Less Drug Store at 10650 San Pablo Ave.

Burglars used a water meter cover to break into Al's Delicatessen at 11100 San Pablo Ave. between 11 p.m. Feb. 23 and 12:30 a.m. Feb. 24. Stolen were \$175 in cash and \$5.75 in property. About 10 p.m. Feb. 23, burglars used a cover to smash the front door of Software Solutions.

at 11185 San Pablo Ave. The cash register with \$100, and \$4,730 in computer equipment were stolen. Seven similar burglaries in which water meter covers were used to smash windows occurred on San Pablo Avenue between December and February. Two weeks ago, two Richmond men were arrested and charged with the crimes. They were held at Contra Costa County jail in Martinez when the Feb. 23 crimes ochored.

• A Richmond man, 32, and a woman, 25, were arrested and charged with two automobile burglaries Feb. 28. A witness saw them break into a 1981 BMW on Kearney Street near the BART walkway at about 8 p.m. The pair is also believed to be responsible for smashing a window and searching a 1988 Toyota Corolla on Tulare Avenue.

# Albany janitor 'mooned' in schoolyard caper

ALBANY — The following crimes and incidents appeared on the Albany police blotter this week.

• Three Richmond boys, between 10 and 13 years old, were caught driving a stolen 1982 Buick Le Sabre on San Pablo and Garfield avenues Feb. 25 at 10 p.m. The car had been reported missing Feb. 20 from the 7300 block of Terrace Drive in El Cerrito.

● Neighbors called 911 when they saw a woman, 66, fall as she entered her home on the 900 block of Santa Fe Avenue at 9:40 p.m. Feb. 25. A dog threatening medical personnel had to be held in a back room. The woman, who had been drinking heavily, was brought to Alta Bates Hospital for a large cut above her eye. Police observed "many empty beer cans in the home" and "dog feces in large amounts." They lowered the thermostat before they left.

While a 12-year-old girl was playing at Dartmouth Street and Talbot Avenue March 3, a man stopped, unzipped his pants, ex-

posed himself and began to masturbate.

Burglars broke into and stole the cash register from the Albany Hill Mini Mart at 800 San Pablo Ave. at 4:40 a.m. March 2. Witnesses heard breaking glass and saw a white Volvo sedan driving away.

ing away.

On Feb. 28 Marin School reported five boys riding skateboards on the grounds during school hours. When asked to leave, one of them mooned the janitor. They fled in a red Jeep.

Two men in an orange van stole a 2½ foot cement rabbit statue from in front of a home on the 1000 block of Stannage Avenue Feb. 26.

• On March 4 at 4 a.m. police received a call about several juveniles in the bushes at Jackson and Castro streets. According to police, several boys and girls attending a slumber party were "having some harmless fun."
They told the kids to go home.

• The band director at Albany High School reported that a \$300 Conn tenor saxophone was lost or stolen between April and June,

● On Solano Avenue near Tacoma Avenue March 3 a Davis woman lost a \$1,500 gold floren-tine antique bracelet with an etch-ed spider and a spider web with a jeweled fly caught in it.

• At 5:43 a.m. March 3 a transient man, 37, was seen reading a "Family Law" textbook outside the Villa Motel. He told police he was staying with a relative in the motel, had locked himself out and was waiting for a more reasonable hour to wake them. Police "allowed the man to continue his studies in the dark."

• A 41-year-old woman's wallet with \$150 was stolen from her purse in a shopping cart at Safeway March 2 at 2 p.m.

Around 10 p.m. Feb. 27 a
 1981 Datsun coupe was taken from the Albany Bowl parking lot. A 1983 Honda Prelude park-ed by the valet at Golden Gate Fields was stolen March 3.

• Three car windows were smashed during the day March 3 on Gateview, Washington and Kains avenues.

# Offered a credit card? Read the fine pri

Gone are the days when you can judge an individual's credit worthiness by the number of credit cards they carry. Today, the opposite is almost true.

Credit card solicitations fill mailboxes across the nation on a daily basis. The question is whether or not you should accept. After all, the part we hate the most is done — the dreaded application. "You have been prequalified to receive ...."

The offers are very enticing. Not only have they already printed a card with your name on it, they sweeten the pot by promising "no annual fee." It seems like a no-lose opportunity.

Before you sign on the dotted line and return that acceptance card, look at the inevitable fine print. Leesa Petrie, vice president at University and State Employees Credit Union cautions consumers that they could end up paying a bundle for the honor of "having been selected."

"If it says no annual fee, you should ask yourself why. Institutions which truly do not charge an annual fee don't send out random mail solicitations to entire cities," Petrie points out, adding that it would make sense for a credit union to make such offer to a member who was known and trusted.

"On the other hand, a bank in unstate New York would have

member who was known and trusted.
"On the other hand, a bank in upstate New York would have very little reason to make a 'free' offer to a faceless consumer in Southern California. Let your logic be your guide," she suggests.
"More times than not, there

gests.
"More times than not, there will be a statement included in a solicitation that gives the issuer the right to impose an annual fee

at any time or automatically charges the fee after some time period that may vary anywhere from 30 days to one year. The issuers are literally gambling that you will keep using the card once it's in your pocket."

Next, Petrie advises shuffling through all the polished brochures and finding that interest rate. "It will read something like 19.6 percent on the unpaid balance, 21.4 percent on cash withdrawals," she says pointing out that rates charged by national credit card issuers are often much higher than local prevailing rates. For example, Petrie points out that U.S.E.'s current VISA rate is 18.0 percent. Citicorp, one of the nation's biggest issuers, is 19.8 percent for the same card.

"Also, look carefully at how the interest is calculated on unpaid balances. One common method is to charge the rate on the bill. This can effectively double your interest costs.

If you have any outstanding balance on the account you will also be charged interest on any purchases added during the month, effectively eliminating the 30-day grace period.

"A very disciplined consumer might save money on these no annual fee cards providing the card is turned back in before the fee is activated and the outstanding balance is paid off each month, without fail.

"The fact is most people are just too busy to track such details for a mere \$20 to \$40 dollar savings per year. There just isn't sufficient reason to accept a credit card under those conditions when

local institution for a low Petrie said.

Some credit advisors the temptation to get into in direct proportion number of cards you camore cards, the grallikelihood you will get your head.

"Better to resist the tem and sleep at night than wallet full of plastics," concluded.
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# Arts and Entertainment

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#### Film

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Except that the priest has censorship powers over all the movies. At his private prescreenings, he rings his bell whenever he sees a kissing scene. "Twenty years I've gone to the movies, and I've never seen a kiss," moans one aficionado.

But the villagers, who are all aficionados, see plenty else, from Chaplin to Renoir and Visconti to Ulysses, with Kirk Douglas. The movie theater is not only where they find their fantasies but also where they live their lives: drink, make love, nurse babies, play pranks.

The main character in Cinema Paradiso, aside from the village and the projectionist, is Salvatore, nicknamed Toto, whom we follow from childhood through adolescence and into adulthood.

Little Toto (Salvatore Cascio, who's adorable but looks a lot younger than the 10-year-old he's supposed to be) is a true movie fanatic, a kid who wants nothing else but to spend all his time with Alfredo in the projection booth.

And no wonder: Not only does he get to peek at all those kissing scenes before they're censored, he also gets to escape from a society in which the children are treated like little animals. (Not that the regularly administered beatings ever stop Toto from getting into mischief.)

The teen-age Toto (Marco Leonardi), who has taken over

mischief.)
The teen-age Toto (Marco Leonardi), who has taken over the duties of projectionist, falls desperately in love, just like in the



Projectionist Alfredo (Philippe Noiret) makes friends with 10-year-old movie buff Salvatore Cascio in 'Cinema Paradiso

movies, with the lovely Elena (Agnese Nano), who, movie-style too, finally returns his affection.

But after Toto has served his stint in the army, it's his friend Alfredo, the projectionist, who tells him he must leave the village in order to grow up.

All of this is shown as the memories of the adult Toto, now

a successful filmmaker, who returns to Giancaldo to attend Alfredo's funeral. Played by Jacques Perrin, this middle-aged man looks disturbingly unlike the character's two earlier incarnations, but never mind.

The village he comes back to has changed, too. The Cinema Paradiso is about to be razed for autobiographical film, has made a number of pictures for TV and only one previous feature. In charge of the etched-in-crystal cinematography is Blasco Giurato, of whom I can tell you nothing further.



for Kent Nagano "lets the music speak for itself"

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ing — a smart move, because the audience, happily, did come, and, after catching its breath, seemed mightily pleased.

As for the sound, we were given the broadest possible acoustical sampling from which to evaluate — resulting in top scores all around.

samping from which to evaluate — resulting in top scores all around.

As a stretching exercise, celebrating their release from physical confinement, Nagano and the orchestra opened with Notations (I-IV) for Large Orchestra by Pierre Boulez.

Last February, in First Congregational Church, the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra also opened with Boulez, but it was a work for 10-piece ensemble (all, save harp and voice, percussion instruments).

Notations, which Boulez composed for piano in 1945 while still a student, and orchestrated in 1978, has 10 percussionists ringing the back of a very large orchestra.

lyrical opening movement. The next section was a short expostulation of jagged brassiness. The third opened with muted trumpets and continued with an almost free-wheeling gamelan quality.

The last movement was sweeping upbeats propelled by rhythmic urgency, giving the percussion full scope for a dynamic display that verged on fireworks.

Half the orchestra then left the lyrical opening movement. The

Half the orchestra then left the stage, leaving the strings and winds looking somewhat abandoned, for Mozart's Piano Concerto in D Minor, K. 466, with Christian Steiner as guest soloist.

Christian Steiner as guest soloist.

The effect, once they began to play, was of Zellerbach shrinking to intimate coziness. Nagano and the orchestra have always brought an enchanting mellowness to Mozart that makes performances of other orchestras seem perfunctory in comparison.

Nagano captures the exquisite beauty of the music and lets it speak for itself, without cloying sentimentality, or an uptight avoidance of it. They skirt a dangerous edge: Even with as sense MUSIC on page 14

# 'Molly': talented cast, weak script Berkeley Repertory offering needs work

By Caroline Crawford

The Virgin Molly, which opened recently at the Berkeley Repertory Theater as part of its parallel play series of new works, is about

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a young Marine recruit accused of homosexuality who ends up in a sexual deviants unit.

On the inside, Private Molly Peterson (Stephen Spinella) gets the treatment from the brutalizing corporal (Charles Dean), the humane lawyer-captain (James Carpenter) and the thuggish drill instructor (Alan Pottinger) who sets him up, all stock characters and all stereotypically funny.

But if "Molly" looks on the surface like a comfortable, predictable look into military life, it isn't. Playwright Quincy Long, who got his material from his stint in the Marines and wrote the play in 1986 while at the Yale Drama School, has wrapped his narrative in a ribbon of fantasy, introducing characters and dream sequences that represent Private Molly's two conflicting wishes: to succeed as a Marine where his father has failed (dishonorably discharged) and to escape the



Corps altogether.
During Molly's interrogation, a civilian (Patrick Kerr) is propelled again and again into the room with his luggage, only to make his improbable exit through a wall — Molly's symbol of escape.

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At play's end he appears in full military dress in a bizarre and not quite workable vignette in which Molly gives birth, a scene that symbolizes a kind of dramatic resolution and certain escape — an honorable discharge of a kind — from the predicament Molly finds himself in.

fine ear for dialogue. The weakness of "Molly" is only in the melding of his materials.

The final surreal sequence means to leave a question in the audience's mind, but it is introduced in a jarring way and makes for an uneven juxtaposition. More workshops will no doubt help.

doubt help.

Director Anthony Taccone has assembled a crack cast for "Molly." Spinella in the title role is a perfect picture of the green recruit and possesses a sharp comedic sense and infallible timing.

Charles Dean is priceless too as the bellowing, brutish corporal with a soft underside. Harry Waters as a fellow private who feigns homosexuality to get himself expelled from the Corps, and Carpenter as the questioning captain, turn in equally strong portrayals.

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portrayals.

Kate Edmunds' settings are appropriately bland and military and David Elliott's lighting effectively contrasts fantasy and real-

tively contrasts fantasy and reality. The Virgin Molly is not a play about homosexuality, rather it is about violence and the balance between reason and excess. The play, which is well written, is superbly acted and directed. The play will run at the Berkeley Repertory Theater on Addison Street in Berkeley Wednesdays through Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 5 and 9 p.m., and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m. through March 17.

# Blues artists come to Albany Little Theater

ALBANY — Bob Lowrey, Birdlegg and Chris Goddard, with special guest Dale Miller, will present an evening of acoustic country blues in Albany March 16. The concert will be at the Albany Little Theater, 603 Key Route Blvd.

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Lowrey, Birdlegg and Goddard lead the Bay Area in their performance of the Mississippi Delta music that originated the modern blues movement. Guitarist Lowrey has been a fixture on the American blues scene for 30 years. He has played throughout the country and northern Europe with such people as the late J.C. Burris, Big 'Mama Thornton, Lightnin' Hopkins and Professor Longhair. He is a four-time veteran of the San Francisco Blues Festival and has been active in many other regional blues events. Lowrey has recorded for the Blues Connoisseur and

Messaround labels.

Harmonica player Birdlegg leads the popular Tight Fit Blues Band. Over the past 15 years he has toured Europe and America with the Mississippi Delta Blues Band and other groups including Roy Clark and the Oak Ridge Boys. He has also recorded with the Young Country Band and Jim Casey and the Lightnin' Band. Birdlegg will compete in the 1990 San Francisco Battle of the Harmonicas.

Blues duo Chris Goddard, guitar, and Eugene Huggins, harmonica, represent nearly 100 years of blues music including Delta, Chicago and country blues tyles. Goddard played for many years with pop singer Maria Muldaur but is now rapidly becoming known as a vital new force in Bay Area blues.

"An Evening of Acoustic Blues" is sponsored by the Albany Adult School. Tickets are bought at Down Home Music, El Cerrito; Noe Valley Music, San Francisco; and the Albany Adult School office.

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in Berkeley

Estonian choir will perform

The Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir, under the direction of Tonu Kaljuste, will present a concert at 8 p.m. Friday, March 9, in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley at the corner of Dana Street and Channing Way.

It has participated in several festivals and won recognition in international competitions.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$12 general admission and \$10 for students and senior

For information, call Tony Pasqua at the office of Student Musical Activities, U.C. Berkeley, 642-3880.

sitive a performance as that given by Steiner, the orchestral responses are so breathtakingly expressive as to threaten a rever-sal of roles.

The program's final offering, Maurice Ravel's L'Enfant et les Sortileges ("The Bewitched Child"), brought back the full orchestra augmented by the Oakland Symphony Chorus (conducted by Richard Grant of the Pacific Mozart Ensemble) and eight soluists

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# Bridge tournament this weeke

The Spring Sectional Bridge tournament will be presented by the Berkeley-El Cerrito-Richmond Unit of the American Contract Bridge League.

This weekend the tournament is expected to draw entries of some of the top players in the United States as well as many beginners.

The three-day tournament will be March 9, 10 and 12 at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane.

Play Friday, starting at 8 p.m., will be for both advanced and novice players.

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Located across the street from the pastoral Mills College campus, owners and partners Philip La Barbera and David Guevara share an inspired environmental garden with terracotta pots, plaques, urns, statuary, table bases, fountains, birdbaths, canvas um-

The choir has been functioning as a professional choir since 1981. It presents approximately 80 concerts per year and has toured Finland, West Germany, Poland, I t a l y , S w e d e n a n d Czechoslovakia.



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This one-act opera with libretto by Colette explores and exploits orchestral and vocal possibilities to the hilt, and is as full of sur-prises as a three-ring circus Terracotta also offers a land-

Design collaboration is the key element in Anderson's work. She can set the scope for a project and solve any problems that may

can set the scope for a project and solve any problems that may occur.

David Guevara creates the many dried floral arrangements and wreaths that are in the shop. California natives are most favored by Guevara in his imaginative arrangements with baby's breath, heather and red roses. His philosophy and commitment to beauty are evidenced in his ability to take different flowers and natives plants and combine them in a way that is unique not only in design but in color combinations.

Terracotta is also a fine art gallery with rotating shows of local artists' works in various media. On March 8 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. a reception will be held to open a show of photographs of Bali by Robin Mills.

This shop is just now being discovered but don't worry that all the good items will be gone when you get there — an endless stream of boxes and cartons assure us that our perfect Italian tile or birdbath will be there and if not it can be specially ordered.

Terracotta is located at 5851 MacArthur Blvd. in Oakland. The shop is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information please call 568-9383.

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"Before going off on the ski weekend," he says, "make sure your car is as ready as you are. Check the fluid levels of your oil and windshield washing solution. Make certain your brakes are in working order."

One of the most important driving suggestions, Simi says, is to reduce your speed in snowy conditions. "Don't just drive

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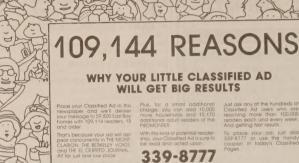
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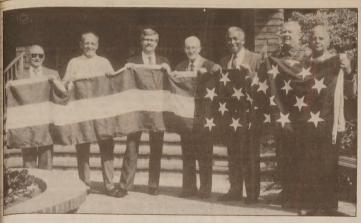
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presenting the flag (from left) are Bill Johnson, club president Bob Luoma, Todd Armstrong, Hal Denham Charles McCain, Al Drozda and James Humphrey

# Lions Club donates 10-foot flag to chamber

resented the Albany Chamber f Commerce with a 10 by 15 not American flag to replace the one on the Buchanan Street werpass. The flag, which flies ay and night, is the respon-ibility of the chamber.

Some of their projects are supporting the Oakland and Diablo Valley blind centers, Lions Eye Foundation, Ear of the Lion, Albany Little League Cardinals, Richmond Rescue Mission, West Coast Children's Center, free eyesight and hearing tests and

lighting of the cross on Albany Hill during the Easter and Christmas seasons. They collect used eyeglasses at the chamber office and have recently purchased a tile from the Albany Builders supporting the new library.

Information regarding the club is available by phoning club president Bob Luoma at 526-1311 or club secretary Bill Johnson at 524-7891.

# Calendar Calendar

American Field Service in Albany will have a pancake breakfast March 11 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cor-nell School Cafeteria. A big plate of ham and pancakes, juice, milk, coffee and seconds costs \$3. Children under 6 are free.

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Fraternal Order of Eagles, Bayview
Auxiliary No. 2323, will hold the annual charity fashion show March 17
at 3223 Carlson Blvd., El Cerrito.
Lunch is at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$4.
Call Rose Cook at 526-1942 for
information.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre holds Saturday morning drama classes for children 7 through 12 at the theater, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Registration is \$50 for a 10-week

course.
For information call Kathleen Ray at 232-6537.

American Association of Retired
Persons, Albany Chapter 2618, will
meet March 10 at noon at the
Methodist church, 980 Stannage Ave.
A pothuck lunch will celebrate the
chapter's 14th anniversary.
For information and reservations
call Barbara Hersey at 527-1749.

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A public hearing on the 1990-91 update of the planning and service area plan on aging will be held March 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at the El Cerrito Community Center. Sponsored by the Contra Costa County Office on Aging, the hearing will solicit comments on the programs, outreach, grants and services.

For information and a copy of a summary of the plan update call 646-5233.

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A spring bird watching class in and around Albany begins March 13, also sponsored by Albany Recreation. The office is at 958 Masonic.

"Risky Superstitions: Indians, Earthquakes and Nuclear War" is the subject of a free slide-lecture by Dr. Allan Lindh, seismologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, March 17 at 8 p.m. in Le Conte Hall on the U.C. Berkeley campus.

Kensington Senior Center gives classes and programs Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Arl-ington Community Church. On March 15 the Fitzpatrick Fami-ly Singers will entertain.

If Singers will entertain.
North Berkeley Senior Center provides talks, workshops and health services for senior citizens. The program at 10 a.m. March 13 is A Social View of Art, the first of three weekly

Temple Beth Hillel, 801 Park Central Dr., Richmond will hold a Purim Festival Carnival March 11 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Games, food, music, entertainment and flea market

The New Modular and Mobile Homes is the subject of a program at the Owner Builder Center in Berkeley March 10 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person or \$75 a couple.

The West Contra Costa Science Fair will be held through March 10 at the Contra Costa College gym annex. Competitive science projects are by secondary students in the Richmond School District. Projects will be open to public viewing March 8 from 8:30 to 10 p.m., March 9 from noon to 8 p.m. and March 10 from 9 a.m. to

noon.

San Pablo Bay Gem and Mineral
Society will meet March 13 at 8 p.m.
in the Salesian High School cafeteria
in Richmond. A short program about
minerals will be followed by
refreshments.

For information call 234-0604.

Chinese medicinal herbs will be discussed by Barbara Wilt, herbalist and acupuncturist, March 10 at the U.C. Botanical Garden in Berkeley. The class will observe the unique collection of medicinal herbs in the garden. For information call 642-3343.

Winning poems will be read and prizes given at the 64th Poets' Dinner March 10 at Spenger's in Berkeley. Tickets are \$14 or \$16 at the door. For information call 235-0361.

Lucile Green-Isitt will speak on A Constitution for the World? at the March 9 meeting of the City Commons Club in Berkeley, Dr. Green-Isit is an expert in world government and world federation concepts.

James Dahlgren, violinist with the San Francisco Opera Orchestra, will give at recital March 11 at 3 p.m. at the Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. For information call 549-3864.

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Dean Paul Strid will lead a Lenten study series on the Gospel of Matthew March 14, 21, 28 and April 4. Evenings begin with prayer at 6 p.m., a soup supper at 6:30 and the study sessions at 7:30.

Regular service.

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Regular services are at 8 and 10
a.m. Sundays and 11 a.m.
Wednesdays.

First Baptist Church, 1319 Solano
Ave., Albany. Rev. G. Thomas Fattaruso. 526-6632.

Sunday services begin at 9:30 a.m.
with church school classes for adults and children. Worship is at 11 a.m.
Rev. Fattaruso's sermon for March
11 is titled Watch Those Rewards.
Baptismal class is Sunday at 3 p.m.
Bible study and prayer meeting is 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays.

Arlington Community Church. 52

7:15 p.m. Wednesdays.

Arlington Community Church, 52

Arlington Ave., Kensington.

Reverend Ken Barnes. 526-9146.

Sunday services begin at 10 a.m.

There is child care for children under

3. Coffee hour immediately follows
the service.

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Rev Barnes will preach March 11, 18 and 25 on the three D's of spiritual maturity: Detachment, discretion and

maturity: Detachment, discretion and discernment.
Meditation and healing service is held each Sunday at 6 p.m.
First Church of Christ Scientist, 601 Lexington Ave., El Cerrito. 525-1676.
Sunday services and Sunday school are at 11 a.m. Wednesday evening testimonial meeting is 5 p.m. The public reading room is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m.

p.m.

El Cerrito United Methodist
Church, 6830 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. Gary E. Pope-Sears, pastor.
525-3500.

Worship service is at 10 a.m. with
Pastor Pope-Sears presiding. Coffee
hour is at 11 a.m.

The adult Bible class and special
discussion classes meet at 11:15 a.m.

At 10 a.m., just before Sunday
school begins, Pastor Gary will have a
moment for the young at heart. Child
care is available.

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First Unitarian Church, I Lawson Road, Kensington. Dr. Richard Boeke. 525-0302.

Family meditation service is at 8:30 a.m. The Personal Theology group and the 20s-40s group both meet at 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Boeke will preach a memorial service March 11 at the 10:45 a.m. service observing the 25th anniversary of the murder of Unitarian Minister James Reeb in Selma, Ala.

Child care is available beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m.

St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 308 Carmel St., El Cerrito.

ing the music of Vineyard, St. Jerome's Children's Choir and the St. Jerome Parish Choir will be held March 11 at 3 p.m. at the church.

Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. 526-3805. 526-3805.

The church meets at 10 a.m. with adult forum discussion and with a Biblical literature study group. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Children's church school is 11:20 a.m.

Berkeley Buddhist Priory, 1358 Marin Ave., Albany. Rev. Zensho Roberson. 528-2139.

An introductory class on serene reflection meditation is held each Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. Call to register. Sunday service and lecture is at 10 a m.

a.m.

Sycamore Congregational Church,
1111 Navellier St., El Cerrito. Rev.
Dr. Paul Nagano, minister. Rev.
Sadao Masuko, Nichigo minister.
525-0727.
English morning worship and
Nichigobu Bible study are at 11 a.m.
Fellowship hour is at noon.
Rev. Nagano's English sermon
March 11 is That I May Know Christ.
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Mira Vista United Church of
Christ, 7075 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Rev. Nancy M. McKay.
234-0110.
Worship service begins at 10 a.m.
Church school is at 9 a.m. Nursery
care is provided.
Rev. McKay's sermon March 11 is
Born and Bred in the Spirit. Betsy
Rose will provide music.
Christ Lutheran Church. 780

Christ Lutheran Church, 780
Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. 524-1050.
Sunday school is at 9 a.m.; worship at 10 a.m.; communion the first three
Sundays of the month.

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Grace Lutheran Church, 15 Santa
Fe Ave., El Cerrito. Rev. O. R.
Janke, interim pastor. Joan Ross, lay
minister. 525-9004.

Sunday school for children of all
ages and two adult Bible classes begin
at 9 a.m. Worship service is at 10:30
a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the
parish hall follow the service.
Pastor O.R. Janke will tell of The
Man Who Came Back at the March
11 service. Lenten service is held
March 14 at 7:30 p.m.



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### Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser



RETURNING TO the Purim Carnival, Sherry said that through the years not only the Jewish community, but the community in general has been cooperative and helpful and seem to enjoy the carnival as much as we do. She cites stories in the local papers, the courtesy of the Mechanics Bank in having the tickets printed.

The Purim Carnival at Temple Beth Hillel will be held at the temple, 801 Park Central (off Hilltop Drive) from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. March 11.

3:30 p.m. March 11.

Please keep your suggestions
coming. Write to me at 555
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94706 or call 525-4585. If I
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and will respond as soon as

the tickets printed

# Planning Purim Carnival job. And did very well with it for some years, even when she returned to work. "The wonderful part of all of it is that I have had a great deal of support from my husband. When I have had meetings — and there are always so many of them — Mike has taken care of Erica lovingly and without any complaint. And Erica is used to helping in whatever way she can."

IS SHERRY STONE a workaholic? In addition to being a wife and a mother, counseling junior high school children, and serving as president of the board of Temple Beth Hillel in Richmond, Sherry has taken on the job of putting on that temple's annual Purim Carnival. "It's not that much work," she said. "Just a matter of being sure that all those other very busy people who have taken on the many other jobs do what must be done and seeing that all the loose ends are tied together." That's all.

The many loose ends take some powerful tying up. The Purim Carnival is Temple Beth Hillel's biggest fun day cummoney raiser. It is held to celebrate Purim and Purim celebrates the story of Esther. From an in-house carnival for the children, it has grown to include family, friends, neighbors and members of the community. This year Tutu the Clown will entertain, the Simcha Orchestra will play, there will be booths and games for children, face painting, a silent auction, a flea market and food, food, food — ethnic (lox and bagel, filafel) and carnival-type. Oh, and there will be a blood pressure booth and a doctor member, Dr. David Fileds, will put casts on the arms of those who want them.

"I have so much help,"
Sherry said. "Norma Matta, Janet Taksa and Susan Moutrer in the kitchen will make short work of the food. Susan Suterno in charge of the flea market and Bob Lisby and Pam Meyer's silent auction are all ready to go.

"Tracie Rusbaum is gathering the items for the bake sale and Alan Marks is already readying the items for the bake sale and Alan Marks is already readying the items for the bake sale and Alan Marks is already readying the items for the bake sale and Alan Marks is already readying the items for the bake sale and Alan Marks is already readying the items for the bake sale and Alan Marks is already readying the items for the bake sale and Alan Marks is already readying the items for the bake sale and seaser have amassed masses of prizes, Sherry Tatenham has the entertainment ready to go.

SHERRY STONE, husband Mike and daughter Erica live in El Cerrito. Both Mike and Sherry are connected with the schools in Vallejo: Mike is a teacher at Vallejo Senior High School where he teaches computer programming and math and Sherry is a counselor at the junior high school. Erica is a fourth grader at Madera School in El Cerrito.

The Stones are native Californians, having been born in Los Angeles. Sherry started at UCLA but transferred to Cal in Berkeley to make a change in her life. And she fell in love with the Bay Area. She did return to UCLA for her teaching credential.

When they finished their education the Stores found teaching jobs tight. The Bay Area had just been laying off teachers. But when they investigated Vallejo they were welcomed with open arms and have been there since.

When she became pregnant, Sherry took a meternity leave and had an opportunity to return to school to earn her counseling credential.

It was at this time, too, that Sherry started her march toward the presidency of the board at Temple Beth Hillel. She had been on the board but had let everyone know that she could not take an office.

About that time, the idea of having bingo evenings for the public was advanced. Sherry, competent, bright and able — and having time (in addition to wife and mother, classes and being pregnant) — took on the

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# City Hall Newslines

# Volunteers the backbone of the community

By Beth Bartke

A very special group of more than 100 people serve the El Cerrito community as volunteers. They work in almost all city departments and make possi-ble valuable programs which touch the lives of all of

Police Reserves

Mike Columbo, captain of the Police Reserves, has volunteered thousands of hours for the city over the past 12 years. "I do this as a hobby and because I enjoy the work," said Mike, whose profession is crafting hardwood floors.

Mike recalls assisting at a fire, maintaining a police line at the scene of a murder and working with other emergency personnel during a flood as some of his most memorable volunteer hours.

The El Cerrito Police Department Reserve Unit has both men and women seving as active volunteers. These people are employed full-time in the private sector. Some are married with families.

The reserve officers make a minimum commitment of eight hours per month of working in tandem with regular patrol officers. They also work special assignments such as parades, support at community events such as the Fourth of July elebration and Hillside Run, auxiliary support at crime scenes, special patrol and prisoner transportation. The program always needs new volunteers who can help by serving the community. For information call Sergeant Jack Wood at 237-2123, any police officer you see on patrol or one of our reserve volunteers.

Senior Services

One hundred volunteers work to provide speical programs and services for seniors. The efforts of these volunteers are essential to providing classes and special events at the Senior Center.

Other senior programs staffed by volunteers in-clude the daily lunch program, the respite care pro-gram for people with memory loss, home delivered meals, grocery shopping for the homebound, the 60 plus Bulletin, the weekly bingo fund raiser, trips and excursions and health clinics.

One area where volunteers are currently needed at the Senior Center is in hospitality at the front desk. Volunteers are asked to work two-hour shifts. The duties involve greeting people, answering questions and giving out information and schedules for activites at the center.

Ellen MacDonald Paasch, Senior Center supervisor, said, "This volunteer welcomes people as they walk in, asks them how they are and makes them comfortable at the center. Sometimes this includes a short tour of the center for a first-time visitor. Volunteers may choose to work as much or as little as their schedule permits."

Senior Center volunteers give about 14,700 hours of service each year. Katie Lewis, Senior Services manager, said, "Without our volunteers, senior services in El Cerrito would be reduced drastically and many of the important services and programs would cease altogether." Katie invites anyone who would like to volunteer at the Senior Center to call her at \$26-6744.

#### More volunteers

Many other residents of El Cerrito have olunteered for special one-time projects. Boy couts have painted park clubhouses, done fire revention work on the Hillside Natural Area and onstruction projects at the Recycling Center. everal local clubs and service organizations sponor ongoing city projects.

Although El Cerrito's volunteers work for free, as one said, "The pay is great. My involvement in the community and contact with so many special people bring rich rewards."

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